

# Prequantum chaos: Resonances of the prequantum cat map

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## Abstract

Prequantum dynamics has been introduced in the 70' by Kostant-Souriau-Kirillov as an intermediate between classical and quantum dynamics. In common with the classical dynamics, prequantum dynamics transports functions on phase space, but add some phases which are important in quantum interference effects. In the case of hyperbolic dynamical systems, it is believed that the study of the prequantum dynamics will give a better understanding of the quantum interference effects for large time, and of their statistical properties. We consider a linear hyperbolic map  $M$  in  $SL(2, \mathbb{Z})$  which generates a chaotic dynamics on the torus. This dynamics is lifted on a prequantum fiber bundle. This gives a unitary prequantum (partially hyperbolic) map. We calculate its resonances and show that they are related with the quantum eigenvalues. A remarkable consequence is that quantum dynamics emerges from long time behaviour of prequantum dynamics. We present trace formulas, and discuss perspectives of this approach in the non linear case.

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# 1 Introduction

Quantum chaos is the study of wave dynamics (quantum dynamics) and its spectral properties, in the limit of small wavelength, when in this limit, the corresponding classical dynamical system is chaotic [19]. This limit is also denoted by  $\hbar \rightarrow 0$ , and called the semi-classical limit. The usual mathematical models to study quantum chaos are models of hyperbolic dynamics, because there, the classical chaotic features are important and quite well understood (mixing, exponential decay of correlations, central limit Theorem for observables, etc...) [7, 21]. On the quantum side, the semi-classical formula like the Gutzwiller trace formula (respect. the Van-Vleck formula) give descriptions of the quantum spectrum (respect. the description of the wave evolution) in the semi-classical limit, in terms of sum of complex amplitudes along different classical trajectories. One important problem in quantum chaos is that these semi-classical formula are mathematically proved only for finite time (versus  $\hbar \rightarrow 0$ ), whereas some numerical experiments suggest that they could be valid for much larger time, like  $t \simeq 1/\hbar^\alpha$ ,  $\alpha > 0$  [31][10]<sup>1</sup>, and a lot of work in the physics literature of quantum chaos are based on this last hypothesis ([11] for example).

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<sup>1</sup>In [13], we show the validity of semi-classical formula for time large as  $t \simeq C \log(1/\hbar)$ , for any  $C > 0$ , for a quantized hyperbolic non linear map on the torus.

The main difficulty to prove this hypothesis, is related to the fact that the number of classical trajectories which enter in the semi-classical formula increases exponentially fast with time, like  $e^{\lambda t}$ , where  $\lambda$  is the Lyapounov exponent, and this makes difficult to have a control of the error terms.

For large time the structure described by the classical orbits in phase space is far much finer than the Planck cells<sup>2</sup> The validity of the semi-classical formula could be due to some average effects in the sum of the huge number of complex amplitudes, at the scale of the Planck cells. One goal is to justify and understand these averaging process.

It is known that classical hyperbolic dynamical systems have trace formula which are exact, even in the *non linear* cases, [4] page 97, [15]. These trace formula give the trace of so-called regularized *transfer operator*, in terms of periodic orbits. The eigenvalues of the regularized transfer operator are called Ruelle-Pollicott resonances and are useful to describe convergence towards equilibrium and the decay of time-correlation functions in hyperbolic dynamical systems. A remarkable result in this theory, and which could be useful to exploit in quantum chaos, is the exactness of these trace formula. As these formula involve a sum over classical orbits, they can be interpreted as an averaging process over these orbits. We hope to be able to extend this formalism of classical dynamical systems to the semi-classical setting, in order to have a better control on the averaging process between complexes amplitudes for large time, and possibly to suggest an appropriate statistical approach for quantum chaos.

To follow this program we have to find a classical transfer operator whose trace formula is the semi-classical trace formula, and then be able to compare (in operator norm) this transfer operator with the quantum evolution operator, in order to prove the validity of the semi-classical trace formula for the quantum dynamics. This paper is a first step towards this objective. We propose here such an operator, and perform its study for a particular hyperbolic dynamics, namely a linear hyperbolic map on the torus. However the objective is not yet reached because *linear* hyperbolic maps are very particular and semi-classical trace formula are already exact. The raised problematic is therefore not fully present in this paper, but it is the main motivation for this work, and we think that this analysis can be extended to the non linear case and will then reveal its interest.

The transfer operator we propose is the prequantum evolution operator. The prequantum dynamics is a very natural dynamics at the border between classical and quantum dynamics. Similarly to the classical dynamics, prequantum dynamics transports functions on phase space (more precisely sections of a bundle), but introduces some complex phases which are determined by the actions of the classical trajectories. These phases are known to govern interferences phenomena which are characteristic of wave dynamics and quantum dynamics. However, the difference with quantum dynamics is that there is no uncertainty principle in prequantum dynamics, and this simplifies its study in an essential way. The uncertainty principle (which is mathematically introduced by the choice of a complex polarization, or a complex structure on phase space, see Section 3.6), introduces a cut-off in

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<sup>2</sup>Planck cells are the “best resolution” of phase space made by quantum mechanics at the scale  $\hbar$ . The limitation is due to the uncertainty principle.

phase space at the scale of the Planck constant  $\hbar$ . One consequence of the absence of this cut-off in the prequantum setting, is that prequantum formula are exact. Another consequence is that the prequantum Hilbert space is much larger than the quantum one, and the hyperbolicity hypothesis on the dynamics implies that the prequantum wave functions escape towards finer and finer scales. This escape of the prequantum wave function from macroscopic scales towards microscopic scales for large time is described by a discrete set of “prequantum resonances”. Another way to say it, is that the prequantum resonances describe the time decay of correlations between smooth prequantum functions. The biggest prequantum resonance(s) (i.e. those with greatest modulus) dominate for long time and describe the part of the prequantum wave functions which remain at the macroscopic scale (i.e. at a scale larger than the Planck cells  $\hbar$ ). We therefore expect a general relation between these outer prequantum resonances and the quantum eigenvalues which describe the quantum wave evolution.

The role of the prequantum dynamics and the corresponding trace formula for quantum dynamics has already been suggested by many authors [27][10][30], in particular V. Guillemin in [18] page 504.

In this paper, starting from a linear hyperbolic map on the torus, we show how to define the hyperbolic prequantum map on the torus, and establish a relation between the discrete resonance spectrum of the prequantum map and the discrete spectrum of the quantum map, see Theorem 1 page 6. In the conclusion, we discuss some perspectives.

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## 2 Statement of the results

In this Section we state the main result of this paper, and discuss some consequences. In the next Sections, we will give precise definitions and recall basics of the prequantum dynamics.

### 2.1 Prequantum resonances and quantum eigenvalues

Let  $M : \mathbb{T}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{T}^2$  be a **hyperbolic linear map** on  $\mathbb{T}^2 = \mathbb{R}^2/\mathbb{Z}^2$ , i.e.  $M \in \text{SL}(2, \mathbb{Z})$ ,  $\text{Tr}M > 2$ . This map is Anosov (uniformly hyperbolic), with strong chaotic properties, such as ergodicity and mixing, see [21] p. 154.

The prequantum line bundle  $L$  is a Hermitian complex line bundle over  $\mathbb{T}^2$ , with constant curvature  $\Theta = i2\pi N\omega$ , where  $\omega = dq \wedge dp$  is the symplectic two form on  $\mathbb{T}^2$  and  $N \in \mathbb{N}^*$  is the Chern index of the line bundle.  $N$  is related to  $\hbar$  by  $N = 1/(2\pi\hbar)$ . The

**prequantum Hilbert space** is the space  $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}_N \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} L^2(L)$  of  $L^2$  sections of  $L$ . Note that  $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}_N$  is infinite dimensional. The prequantum dynamics is a lift of the map  $M$  on the bundle  $L$  which preserves the connection. This prequantum dynamics induces a transport of sections, and defines a unitary operator acting in  $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}_N$  called **pre-quantum map**  $\tilde{M}$ . (In the following sections, this operator will be denoted by  $\tilde{M}_N$ ).

The **quantum Hilbert space**  $\mathcal{H}_N$  is the space of anti-holomorphic sections of  $L$  (after the introduction of a complex structure on  $\mathbb{T}^2$ ). Contrary to the prequantum case,  $\mathcal{H}_N$  is finite dimensional, and  $\dim \mathcal{H}_N = N$  from the Riemann-Roch Theorem. The **quantum map**  $\hat{M}$  is obtained by Weyl quantization of  $M$ . It is a unitary operator acting in  $\mathcal{H}_N$  [20][22][9]. The **quantum spectrum** is the set of the eigenvalues of  $\hat{M}$  denoted by  $\exp(i\varphi_k)$ ,  $k = 1, \dots, N$ .

**Classical resonances:** We first review the concept of time correlation functions and Ruelle Pollicott resonances for the classical map  $M$ . These concepts give a fruitful approach in order to study chaotic properties of the classical dynamics, such as mixing or central limit theorem for observables, etc... , see [4]. Let  $\varphi, \phi \in (L^2(\mathbb{T}^2) \cap C^\infty(\mathbb{T}^2))$ , and define the Transfer operator  $M_{class}$ , acting on such functions by  $(M_{class}\varphi)(x) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \varphi(M^{-1}x)$ ,  $x \in \mathbb{T}^2$ . For  $t \in \mathbb{N}$ , the **classical time correlation function** is defined by:

$$C_{\phi,\varphi}(t) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \langle \phi | M_{class}^t \varphi \rangle$$

where the scalar product takes place in  $L^2(\mathbb{T}^2)$ . Using the Fourier decomposition of  $\phi, \varphi$ , it is easy to show that  $C_{\phi,\varphi}(t)$  decreases with  $t$  faster than any exponential (see [4] p.226). I.e. for any  $\kappa > 0$ :

$$C_{\phi,\varphi}(t) = \langle \phi | 1 \rangle \langle 1 | \varphi \rangle + o(e^{-\kappa t}) \quad (1)$$

where  $|1\rangle$  stands for the constant function 1, and  $\langle 1 | \varphi \rangle = \int_{\mathbb{T}^2} \varphi(x) dx$ . Eq.(1) reveals the mixing property of the classical map  $M$ . In order to study quantitatively the decay of  $C_{\phi,\varphi}(t)$ , we introduce its Fourier transform:

$$\tilde{C}_{\phi,\varphi}(\omega) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \sum_{t \in \mathbb{N}} e^{it\omega} C_{\phi,\varphi}(t).$$

The **classical resonances of Ruelle-Pollicott** are  $e^{i\omega}$  such that  $\omega$  is a pole of the meromorphic extension of  $\tilde{C}_{\phi,\varphi}(\omega)$ ,  $\omega \in \mathbb{C}$ . They control the decay of  $C_{\phi,\varphi}(t)$ . In our case, there is a simple pole  $e^{i\omega} = 1$ , corresponding to the mixing property, see figure 1 (a). The super-exponential decay implies that there are non other resonances. For a *non linear* hyperbolic map we expect to observe other resonances  $e^{i\omega}$ , with  $|e^{i\omega}| < 1$ , see e.g. [15].

**Prequantum resonances:** We proceed similarly for the prequantum dynamics. Given two smooth sections  $\tilde{\varphi}, \tilde{\phi} \in (L^2(L) \cap L^\infty(L))$ , we define their **prequantum time-correlation function** by

$$C_{\tilde{\phi},\tilde{\varphi}}(t) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \langle \tilde{\phi} | \tilde{M}^t | \tilde{\varphi} \rangle, \quad t \in \mathbb{N}$$

We wish to study the decay of  $C_{\tilde{\phi},\tilde{\varphi}}(t)$ . The **prequantum resonances of Ruelle-Pollicott** are defined as  $e^{i\omega}$  such that  $\omega$  is a pole of the meromorphic extension of the Fourier transform of  $C_{\tilde{\phi},\tilde{\varphi}}(t)$ . These resonances govern the decay of  $C_{\tilde{\phi},\tilde{\varphi}}(t)$ . The main result of this paper is the following Theorem, illustrated by figure 1.

**Theorem 1.** *Let  $\tilde{M}$  be the prequantum map. There exists an operator  $\tilde{B}$ , such that*

$$\tilde{R} = \tilde{B}\tilde{M}\tilde{B}^{-1}$$

*is defined on a dense domain of  $L^2(L)$ , and such that  $\tilde{R}$  extends uniquely to a Trace class operator in  $L^2(L)$ . The eigenvalues of  $\tilde{R}$ , are the **prequantum resonances**, and given by*

$$r_{n,k} = \exp(i\varphi_k - \lambda_n), \quad k = 1 \dots N, \quad n \in \mathbb{N} \quad (2)$$

*with  $\exp(i\varphi_k)$  being the eigenvalues of the quantum map  $\hat{M}$  (**quantum eigenvalues**), and  $\lambda_n = \lambda(n + \frac{1}{2})$ , with  $\lambda$  being the Lyapounov exponent (i.e.,  $\exp(\pm\lambda)$  are the eigenvalues of  $M$ ).*

#### Remarks:

- It is easy to see that the prequantum resonances are the eigenvalues of  $\tilde{R}$ . Indeed, if  $\tilde{\varphi}, \tilde{\phi} \in \tilde{\mathcal{H}}_N = L^2(L)$  are sections which belong to the domains of  $\tilde{B}, \tilde{B}^{-1}$  respectively, then the time-correlation function  $C_{\tilde{\phi},\tilde{\varphi}}(t) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \langle \tilde{\phi} | \tilde{M}^t | \tilde{\varphi} \rangle$ ,  $t \in \mathbb{N}$ , can be expressed using the Trace class operator  $\tilde{R}$  as

$$C_{\tilde{\phi},\tilde{\varphi}}(t) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \langle \tilde{\phi} | \tilde{M}^t | \tilde{\varphi} \rangle = \left( \langle \tilde{\phi} | \tilde{B}^{-1} \right) \tilde{R}^t \left( \tilde{B} | \tilde{\varphi} \rangle \right).$$

Using a spectral decomposition of  $\tilde{R}$ , we deduce that the discrete spectrum of  $\tilde{R}$  gives the explicit exponential decay of  $C_{\tilde{\phi},\tilde{\varphi}}(t)$ , and more precisely that the eigenvalues of  $\tilde{R}$  are the prequantum resonances as defined above.

- The way we obtain the resonances of  $\tilde{M}$  by conjugation with a non unitary operator  $\tilde{B}$  is well known in quantum mechanics and is called the “complex scaling method” [8]. It is usually used in order to obtain the “quantum resonances of open quantum systems”. Remind that  $\tilde{M}$  is a unitary operator. It will appear in the paper, that it has a continuous spectrum on the unit circle.

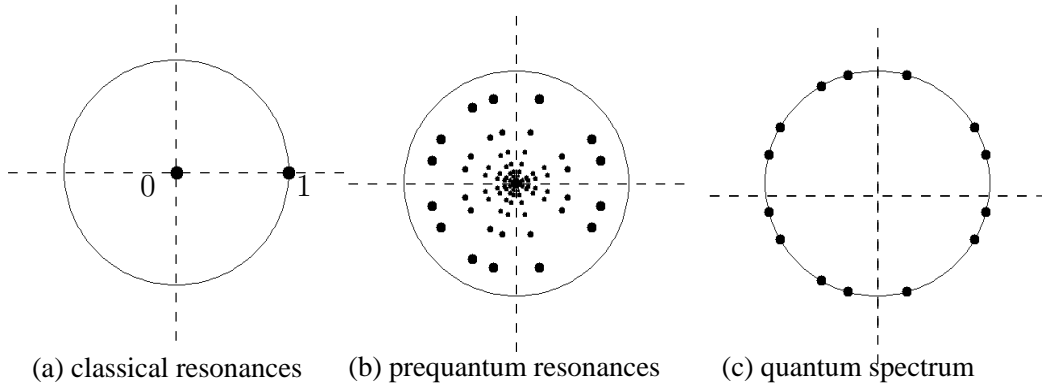


Figure 1: Comparison of spectra for the linear cat map  $M = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ , with  $N = 1/(2\pi\hbar) = 14$ .

(a) Ruelle-Pollicott resonances of the **classical map**  $M$ . The isolated value 1 traduces mixing property of the map. The absence of resonances traduces super-exponential decay of time correlation functions (See [4] page 225, or [15] for a simple description of the classical resonances as eigenvalues of a trace class operator).

(b) Resonances  $r_{n,k}$  of the **prequantum map**  $\tilde{M}$ , calculated in this paper.  $r_{n,k} = \exp(i\varphi_k - \lambda(n + 1/2))$ ,  $k = 1 \dots N$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . There are  $N$  resonances on each circle of radius  $e^{-\lambda/2}e^{-\lambda n}$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

(c) Eigenvalues of the **quantum map**  $\hat{M}$ :  $\exp(i\varphi_k)$ ,  $k = 1 \dots N$ .

**Sketch of the proof:** The proof of Theorem 1 will be obtained in Section 4.2.4 page 30. The main steps in the proof is to show that the prequantum Hilbert space is unitary equivalent to a tensor product  $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}_N \equiv \mathcal{H}_N \otimes L^2(\mathbb{R})$  involving the quantum Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}_N$  and a  $L^2(\mathbb{R})$  space (this is Eq. (52) page 25), and then that the prequantum operator writes  $\tilde{M} \equiv \hat{M} \otimes \exp(-i\hat{N}/\hbar)$ , where  $\hat{M}$  is the quantum map acting in  $\mathcal{H}_N$  and  $\hat{N} = Op_{Weyl}(\lambda qp)$  acting in  $L^2(\mathbb{R})$  is the Weyl quantization of a hyperbolic fixed point dynamics. It is well known that  $\exp(-i\hat{N}/\hbar)$  has a continuous spectrum but a discrete set of resonances  $\exp(-\lambda(n+1/2))$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . So Eq.(2) follows.

## 2.2 Dynamical appearance of the quantum space

For large time  $t$ , the  $N$  external prequantum resonances on the circle of radius  $\exp(-\lambda/2)$  will dominate, and with a suitable rescaling,  $C_{\tilde{\phi}, \tilde{\varphi}}(t)$  behaves for large time like quantum correlation functions, i.e. **matrix elements of the quantum propagator**. More precisely:

**Proposition 2.** *if  $\tilde{\phi}, \tilde{\varphi} \in \tilde{\mathcal{H}}_N$  are prequantum wave functions, let us define  $\phi = \hat{\Pi} \tilde{B}^{-1} \tilde{\phi}$ ,  $\varphi = \hat{\Pi} \tilde{B} \tilde{\varphi}$ , where  $\hat{\Pi} = \tilde{\mathcal{H}}_N \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_N$  is the orthogonal projector called the Toeplitz projector (this requires for  $\tilde{\phi}, \tilde{\varphi}$  to have suitable regularity so that they belong to the corresponding domains). Then for large time  $t$*

$$\langle \tilde{\phi} | \tilde{M}^t | \tilde{\varphi} \rangle = \langle \phi | \hat{M}^t | \varphi \rangle e^{-\lambda t/2} (1 + \mathcal{O}(e^{-\lambda t}))$$

*This means that **quantum dynamics emerges as the long time behaviour of prequantum dynamics**.*

The proof is given in Section 4.3 page 30.

Let us make a comment on Theorem 1 and Proposition 2. It is quite remarkable that the exterior circle of prequantum resonances is identified with the quantum eigenvalues. So the (generalized) eigenspace associated with these resonances is equivalent to the quantum space. This unitary isomorphism appears explicitly in the proof of the Theorem. In some sense, and this is what Proposition 2 shows, the quantum space appears dynamically under the prequantum dynamics, and corresponds to “long lived” states. In this way the quantum dynamics appears here without any quantization procedure, but by the prequantum dynamics itself (which is itself a natural extension of the classical dynamics as a lift on a line bundle).



## 2.3 Trace formula

As usual with Transfer operators, Trace formula express the trace of a regularized transfer operator in terms of periodic orbits. The prequantum unitary operator  $\tilde{M}$  is not trace class, so the Trace formula expresses the trace of  $\tilde{R}^t$  which is trace class. What is particular with the prequantum dynamics (compared to classical dynamics), is the appearance of complex phases, related with the classical actions of the periodic orbits.

**Proposition 3.** *For  $t \in \mathbb{N}^*$ , the trace formula for the prequantum dynamics expresses the trace of  $\tilde{R}^t$  in terms of periodic points of  $M$  on  $\mathbb{T}^2$  of period  $t$ :*

$$\text{Tr}(\tilde{R}^t) = \sum_{x \equiv M^t x \pmod{\mathbb{Z}^2}} \frac{1}{|\det(1 - M^t)|} e^{iA_{x,t}/\hbar} \quad (3)$$

where  $A_{x,t} = \oint \frac{1}{2} (qdp - pdq) + Hdt$  is the classical action of the periodic orbit starting from  $x = (q, p)$ , and  $|\det(1 - M^t)|^{-1} = (e^{\lambda t/2} - e^{-\lambda t/2})^{-2}$  is related with its instability. More explicitly, for a periodic point characterized by  $x = (q, p) \in \mathbb{R}^2$  and  $M^t x = x + n$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^2$ , then  $A_{x,t} = \frac{1}{2} n \wedge x$ .

The proof of Proposition 3 is given in Section 4.4, and follows the usual procedure to obtain trace formula for transfer operators ([4] page 103 or [15]). The idea is to use the fact that the prequantum dynamics is a lift of the classical transport with additional phases, and therefore use the Schwartz kernel of  $\tilde{M}$ . Formally we write:

$$\text{Tr}^b(\tilde{M}^t) = \int_{\mathbb{T}^2} dx \langle x | \tilde{M}^t | x \rangle = \int_{\mathbb{T}^2} dx \delta(M^t x - x) e^{iA_{x,t}/\hbar} = \sum_{x=M^t x} \frac{1}{|\det(1 - M^t)|} e^{iA_{x,t}/\hbar} \quad (4)$$

This short calculation is made rigorous in the proof of Proposition 3 page 30, using a suitable regularization.

### Relation with the quantum trace formula:

**Corollary 4.** *From Eq.(2), we deduce a relation between traces of operators. For  $t \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,*

$$\text{Tr}(\hat{M}^t) = \sqrt{|\det(1 - M^t)|} \text{Tr}(\tilde{R}^t) \quad (5)$$

and from Eq.(3),

$$\text{Tr}(\hat{M}^t) = \sum_{x=M^t x} \frac{1}{\sqrt{|\det(1 - M^t)|}} e^{iA_{x,t}/\hbar} \quad (6)$$

*Proof.* We have  $\text{Tr}(\hat{M}^t) = \sum_{k=1}^N e^{i\varphi_k}$ ,  $\text{Tr}(\tilde{R}^t) = \sum_{k=1}^N \sum_{n \geq 0} e^{i\varphi_k - \lambda_n}$  and  $\sum_{n \geq 0} e^{-\lambda_n t} = \sum_{n \geq 0} e^{-\lambda(n+\frac{1}{2})t} = (e^{\lambda t/2} - e^{-\lambda t/2})^{-1}$ , and finally  $\sqrt{|\det(1 - M^t)|} = (e^{\lambda t/2} - e^{-\lambda t/2})$ .  $\square$

#### Remarks:

- Formula Eq.(6) can be proved directly, see e.g. [22].
- It is important to realize that the trace formula for the quantum operator Eq.(6) is exact in our case, because we consider a *linear* hyperbolic map  $M$ . For a non linear map we expect that the trace formula for the prequantum map would be still exact, whereas there is no more exact trace formula for the quantum operator. What is known are semiclassical trace formula which give  $\text{Tr}(\hat{M}^t)$  in the limit  $N \rightarrow \infty$ , but for relatively short time:  $t = \mathcal{O}(\log N)$ , see [13]. We give more comments on these trace formula in the conclusion of this paper.

## 3 Prequantum dynamics on $\mathbb{R}^2$

In this Section we recall the basics of prequantization on the euclidean phase space  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . We will need this material in the next Section. This is well known, see [35], or [5] for an introduction to geometric quantization on more general phase spaces, i.e. Kähler manifolds.

### 3.1 Hamiltonian dynamics

We first start with a classical Hamiltonian flow. We consider the phase space  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , and note  $x = (q, p) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ . The symplectic two form is  $\omega = dq \wedge dp$ . A real valued **Hamiltonian function**  $H \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^2)$  defines a Hamiltonian vector field  $X_H$  by  $\omega(X_H, \cdot) = dH$ , and given explicitly by

$$X_H = \left( \frac{\partial H}{\partial p} \right) \frac{\partial}{\partial q} - \left( \frac{\partial H}{\partial q} \right) \frac{\partial}{\partial p} \quad (7)$$

The Poisson bracket of  $f, g \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^2)$  is  $\{f, g\} = \omega(X_f, X_g) = X_g(f) = -X_f(g)$ . The vector field  $X_H$  generates a Hamiltonian flow  $\phi_t : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ ,  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ . Explicitly,  $(q(t), p(t)) = \phi_t(q(0), p(0))$ , if  $\frac{dq}{dt} = \frac{\partial H}{\partial p}$ ,  $\frac{dp}{dt} = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial q}$ . The flow transports functions: the action of  $\phi_t$  on  $f \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^2)$  is defined by  $f_t \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (f \circ \phi_{-t}) \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^2)$ . The corresponding evolution equation is  $\frac{df_t}{dt} = \{H, f_t\} = -X_H(f_t)$ . In order to explain the introduction of the prequantum operator below, we rewrite this last equation as

$$\frac{df_t}{dt} = -\frac{i}{\hbar} (-i\hbar X_H) f_t \quad (8)$$

where  $\hbar > 0$ . A complex valued function  $f \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^2)$  can be seen as a section of the trivial bundle  $\mathbb{R}^2 \times \mathbb{C}$  over  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . Prequantum dynamics we will define now, is a generalisation of the transport of  $f_t$  but for sections of a non flat bundle over  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

### 3.2 The prequantum line bundle

We introduce  $\hbar > 0$  called the “Planck constant” and consider a **Hermitian complex line bundle**  $L$  over  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , with a Hermitian connection<sup>3</sup>  $D$ . Each fiber  $L_x$  over  $x \in \mathbb{R}^2$  is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{C}$ . A  $C^\infty$  section  $s$  of  $L$  is a  $C^\infty$  map  $x \in \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow s(x) \in L_x$ . We write  $s \in A^0(L)$ . The covariant derivative  $D$  is an operator  $D : A^0(L) \rightarrow A^1(L)$  which acts on  $C^\infty$  sections of  $L$  and gives a  $L$ -valued 1-form. See figure 2. We require that

1. **Leibniz’s rule:** if  $s \in A^0(L)$  is a section of  $L$ , and  $f \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^2)$  a function, then  $D(f.s) = df \otimes s + f.D(s)$ .
2. If  $h_x(.,.)$  denotes the Hermitian metric in the fiber  $L_x$ , the connection  $D$  should be compatible with  $h$ :  $d(h(s_1, s_2)) = h(Ds_1, s_2) + h(s_1, Ds_2)$ . In other words, if the section  $s$  follows the connection in direction  $X$ , i.e.  $D_X s = 0$ , then  $h(s, s)$  is constant in this direction, i.e.  $X(h(s, s)) = 0$ .
3. The curvature two form of the connection is

$$\Theta = \frac{i}{\hbar} \omega$$

where  $\omega = dq \wedge dp$  is the symplectic two form. This last condition means that the holonomy of a closed loop surrounding a surface  $\mathcal{S} \subset \mathbb{R}^2$  is  $\exp(i \int_{\mathcal{S}} \omega / \hbar) = \exp(i 2\pi (\mathcal{A}/h))$ , where  $(\mathcal{A}/h)$  is interpreted as the number of quanta  $h = 2\pi\hbar$  contained in the area  $\mathcal{A} = \int_{\mathcal{S}} \omega$ . See figure 3.

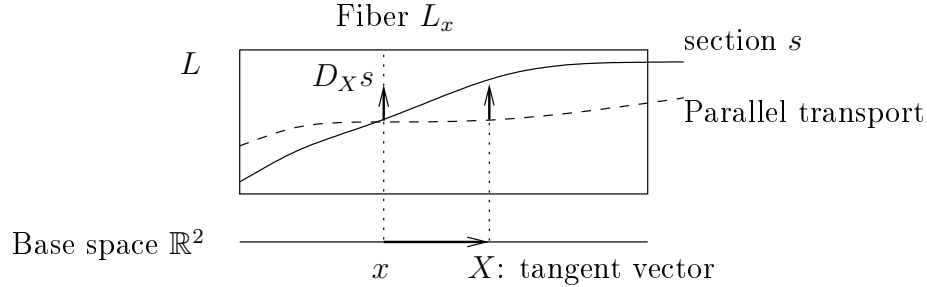


Figure 2: The covariant derivative of a section  $s$  with respect to a tangent vector  $X$ , is  $D_X s \in L_x$  and characterizes the infinitesimal departure of the section  $s$  from the parallel transport in the direction of  $X$ .

<sup>3</sup>For a general introduction to Hermitian line bundles, see [17] p.71-77, or [34] p.67,p.77

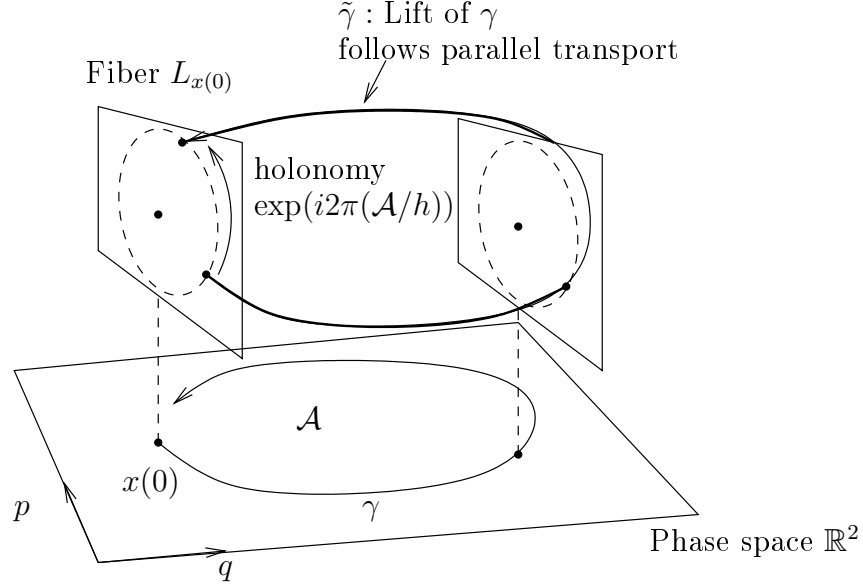


Figure 3: A closed path  $\gamma$  is lifted in the line bundle following the parallel transport. The holonomy of the lifted path  $\tilde{\gamma}$  is equal to the phase  $\exp(i2\pi(\mathcal{A}/h))$  where  $\mathcal{A}$  is the area of the closed path also called the classical action of  $\gamma$ .  $(\mathcal{A}/h)$  is called the number of quanta enclosed in  $\gamma$ . These phases are responsible for interference effects in quantum dynamics (wave dynamics).

**A section of reference:** As the base space  $\mathbb{R}^2$  is contractible, we can choose a unitary global section  $r$  of  $L$ , i.e. such that  $|r(x)| = \sqrt{h_x(r(x), r(x))} = 1$ , for every  $x \in \mathbb{R}^2$ . The section  $r$  is called the **reference section** and gives a trivialisation of the bundle  $L$ . We write its covariant derivative  $Dr = \theta r$ , where  $\theta$  is a 1-form on  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . The requirements on  $D$  above<sup>4</sup> impose that  $\theta = \frac{i}{h}\eta$  with a real one form  $\eta$  such that  $d\eta = \omega$ . In order to simplify some expressions below, the section  $r$  is chosen such that<sup>5</sup>

$$\eta \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \frac{1}{2}(qdp - pdq), \quad (9)$$

With respect to the reference section  $r$ , any section  $s \in A^0(L)$  is represented by a complex valued function  $\psi$  on  $\mathbb{R}^2$  defined by:

$$s(x) = \psi(x) r(x), \quad \psi(x) \in \mathbb{C}, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^2$$

$$\text{and } |s(x)| = \sqrt{h_x(s(x), s(x))} = |\psi(x)| \sqrt{h_x(r(x), r(x))} = |\psi(x)|.$$

<sup>4</sup>The fact that  $\theta$  is purely imaginary reflects the fact that the connection is compatible with the Hermitian metric. Indeed,  $h(r, r) = 1$ , which gives  $0 = h(Dr, r) + h(r, Dr) \Leftrightarrow 0 = \text{Re}(h(r, \theta r)) = \text{Re}(\theta h(r, r)) = \text{Re}(\theta)$ . One requires that  $\Theta = d\theta = i\omega/\hbar \Leftrightarrow d\eta = \omega$ .

<sup>5</sup>The geometric meaning of  $\eta$ , also called the symmetric Gauge, is that the reference section  $r$  follows the parallel transport along radial lines issued from the origin  $x = 0$ . Indeed  $\eta = \frac{1}{2}(qdp - pdq) \equiv \frac{1}{2}x \wedge dx$ , so if  $X \in T_x \mathbb{R}^2 \equiv \mathbb{R}^2$  is such that  $x \wedge X = 0$ , then  $D_X r = \frac{i}{h}\eta(X) r = 0$ .

The space of interest for us, called the **prequantum Hilbert space**, denoted by  $L^2(L)$ , is the space of sections of  $L$  with finite  $L^2$  norm:

$$\begin{aligned} L^2(L) &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \left\{ s, \|s\|^2 = \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} dx |s(x)|^2 < \infty \right\} \\ &\cong L^2(\mathbb{R}^2) = \left\{ \psi, \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} dx |\psi(x)|^2 < \infty \right\}, \text{ with } s = \psi r \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

where the last *unitary isomorphism* is obtained by the identification  $s \equiv \psi$  given by Eq.(10). We will use this unitary isomorphism all along the paper and work most of time with the space  $L^2(\mathbb{R}^2)$ .

**Remark:**

- If  $\|s\| = 1$ , the function  $\text{Hus}_s(x) = |s(x)|^2 = |\psi(x)|^2$  is a probability measure on phase space  $\mathbb{R}^2$  (i.e.  $\int_{\mathbb{R}^2} \text{Hus}_s(x) dx = \|s\|^2 = 1$ ), and is called **Husimi distribution** of the section  $s$  in the physic's literature [6],[16].

### 3.3 The prequantum operator

The **prequantum operator of Kostant-Souriau-Kirillov** acts in the Hilbert space  $L^2(L)$ , Eq. (10), and is defined by

$$\mathbf{P}_H \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} -i\hbar D_{X_H} + H \quad (11)$$

where  $D$  is the covariant derivative,  $X_H$  is the Hamiltonian vector field Eq.(7), and  $H$  denotes multiplication of a section by the function  $H$ . If  $H$  is a real function and  $X_H$  is complete, then  $\mathbf{P}_H$  is a self-adjoint operator (see [35], page 162).

Writing  $s = \psi r$  as in Eq.(10), we use Leibniz's rule to write

$$D_{X_H}(s) = D_{X_H}(\psi r) = d\psi(X_H)r + D_{X_H}(r) = \left( X_H(\psi) + \frac{i}{\hbar} \eta(X_H)\psi \right) r \quad (12)$$

and obtain that

$$\mathbf{P}_H(s) = (-i\hbar X_H\psi + \eta(X_H)\psi + H\psi)r = (P_H\psi)r$$

so  $\mathbf{P}_H$  is isomorphic to the differential operator

$$P_H = -i\hbar X_H + (\eta(X_H) + H) \quad (13)$$

which acts in  $L^2(\mathbb{R}^2)$ . The last two terms in Eq.(11) is the multiplication operator by the function  $\eta(X_H) + H = -\frac{1}{2} \left( q \left( \frac{\partial H}{\partial q} \right) + p \left( \frac{\partial H}{\partial p} \right) \right) + H$ . The role of the differential operator  $P_H$  (respect.  $\mathbf{P}_H$ ) is to generate the “prequantum dynamics”, i.e. the evolution of  $\psi(t) \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^2)$  (respect.  $s(t) \in L^2(L)$ ) by the “**prequantum Schrödinger equation**”

$$\boxed{\frac{d\psi(t)}{dt} = -\frac{i}{\hbar} P_H \psi(t), \quad \frac{ds(t)}{dt} = -\frac{i}{\hbar} \mathbf{P}_H s(t)} \quad (14)$$

Whose solution is  $\psi(t) = \tilde{U}_t \psi(0)$  (respect.  $s(t) = \tilde{\mathbf{U}}_t s(0)$ ), with the unitary operator in  $L^2(\mathbb{R}^2)$ :

$$\tilde{U}_t \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \exp \left( -\frac{i}{\hbar} P_H t \right), \quad \tilde{\mathbf{U}}_t \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \exp \left( -\frac{i}{\hbar} \mathbf{P}_H t \right) \quad (15)$$

It can be shown that the term  $H$  in Eq.(11) is necessary so that  $\tilde{\mathbf{U}}_t$  preserves the connection (see [35] page 163).

**The Geometric and Dynamical phases:** In this paragraph we interpret the terms which enter in the expression of  $P_H$ , Eq.(13). The reader can skip it and go directly to Section 3.4. According to Eq.(8), the first term  $(-i\hbar X_H)$  is just responsible for the transport of the function  $\psi$  along the Hamiltonian flow. The second term  $\eta(X_H)$  comes from the covariant derivative in Eq.(12), and without the third term  $H$ , it would mean that the transported section  $s(t)$  follows parallel transport over each trajectory  $x(t)$ . The third term  $H$  gives a *departure from the parallel transport*. The last two terms together change the value of the function  $\psi(t)$  at point  $x = (q, p)$  by the amount:

$$\left( \frac{d\psi}{dt} \right)_{(2)} \equiv \left( -\frac{i}{\hbar} \right) (\eta(X_H) + H) \psi \equiv \left( -\frac{i}{\hbar} \right) \left( \frac{1}{2} \left( q \frac{dp}{dt} - p \frac{dq}{dt} \right) + H \right) \psi$$

we recognize the infinitesimal action of the trajectory, see [2]. As it is purely imaginary, it changes the phase of the function  $\psi(t)$ . The first term related to the parallel transport over the trajectory is called the “geometric phase” in physics literature, whereas the second term which depends explicitly on  $H$  is called the “dynamical phase”[29].

In order to be more precise, let  $x(t) = \phi_t(x(0))$ ,  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ , be a trajectory on base space  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , and  $p(0) \in L_{x(0)}$  a point in the fiber over the point  $x(0)$ . Let us denote  $p_{\parallel}(t)$  the lifted path over  $x(t)$  which starts from  $p(0)$  and follows parallel transport. Then the prequantum dynamics is the unique lifted path over  $x(t)$  given by  $p(t) = e^{\frac{-i}{\hbar} \int_0^t H(x(s)) ds} p_{\parallel}(t)$ , i.e. with a departure from the parallel transport given by the dynamical phase. From that point of view, prequantum dynamics is a flow in the fiber bundle  $L$ , which will be denoted by  $p(t) = \tilde{\phi}_t p(0)$ . The unitary operator  $\tilde{\mathbf{U}}_t$  defined in Eq.(15), can be expressed by  $(\tilde{\mathbf{U}}_t s)(x(t)) = \tilde{\phi}_t(s(x(0)))$ .

If  $p(0) = r_{x(0)}$ , then  $p(t)$  is explicitly given with respect to the reference section  $r_{x(t)} \in L_{x(t)}$  by:

$$p(t) = e^{-\frac{i}{\hbar} \int_{\gamma} dF} r_{x(t)} \quad (16)$$

where  $\gamma : x(0) \rightarrow x(t)$  is the classical trajectory on the phase space  $\mathbb{R}^2$  and  $dF$  is the one-form on the extended phase space  $(x, t) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \times \mathbb{R}$ :

$$dF = (\eta(X_H) + H) dt = \frac{1}{2} (qdp - pdq) + H dt \quad (17)$$

which is the sum of the geometrical phase plus the dynamical phase. See figure 4.

In other terms, the solution  $\psi(t)$  of Eq.(14), is given in terms of the classical flow by:

$$(\tilde{U}_t \psi)(x(t)) = e^{-\frac{i}{\hbar} \int_{\gamma} dF} \psi(x(0)) \quad (18)$$

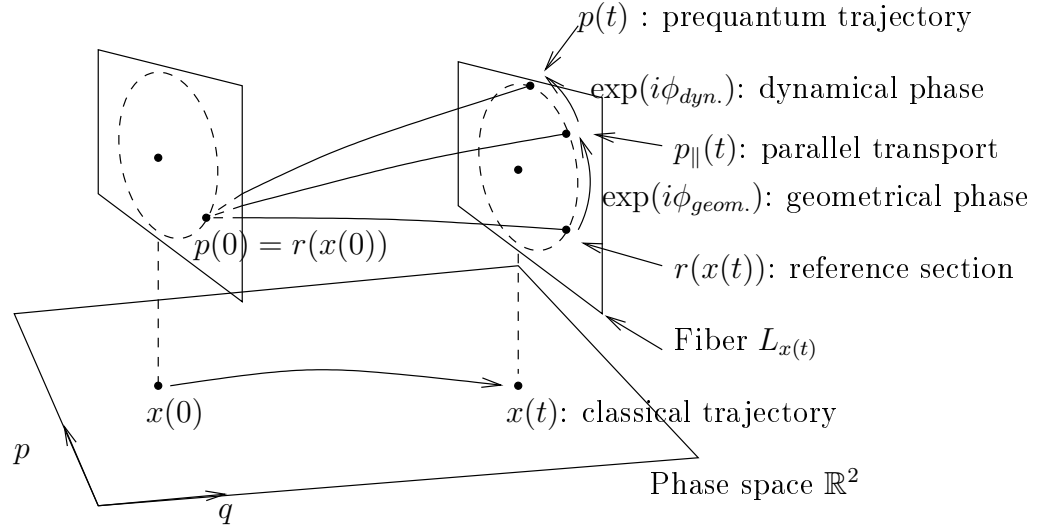


Figure 4: The prequantum dynamics is a lifted of the classical dynamics  $x(t)$  in phase space, where the lifted path  $p(t)$  follows the parallel transport  $p_{||}(t)$  with an additional phase  $\phi_{dyn} = \frac{1}{\hbar} \int_0^t H(x(s)) ds$  called the dynamical phase. With respect to the reference section  $r(x(t))$ , the parallel transport is given by  $p_{||}(x(t)) = e^{i\phi_{geom}} r(x(t))$ , where  $\phi_{geom} = -\frac{1}{2\hbar} \int (qdp - pdq)$  is called the geometrical phase.

**Correspondence principle:** An important interest for the prequantum operators comes from the following proposition (see [35] page 157).

**Proposition 5.** For any  $f, g \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^2)$ ,

$$[P_f, P_g] = i\hbar P_{\{f, g\}} \quad (19)$$

In other words,  $f \in (C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^2), \{, \}) \rightarrow P_f \in (L(\mathcal{H}_p), [, .])$  is a **Lie algebra homomorphism**. In particular, it gives the following basic commutation relation of quantum mechanics between position and momentum, called the “**correspondence principle**”<sup>6</sup>:  $[P_q, P_p] = i\hbar P_{\{q,p\}} = i\hbar P_1 = i\hbar \text{Id}$ .

*Proof.* For any function  $f, g \in C^\infty(M)$ ,  $[X_f, X_g] = -X_{\{f,g\}}$ . If  $\beta$  is a one form, and  $X, Y$  two vector fields then  $X(\beta(Y)) - Y(\beta(X)) = d\beta(X, Y) + \beta([X, Y])$  (see e.g. [36] p. 207). With these two relations we deduce:

$$\begin{aligned} [P_f, P_g] &= (-i\hbar)^2 [X_f, X_g] - i\hbar [X_f, \eta(X_g) + g] - i\hbar [\eta(X_f) + f, X_g] \\ &= \hbar^2 X_{\{f,g\}} - i\hbar X_f(\eta(X_g)) + i\hbar \{f, g\} + i\hbar X_g(\eta(X_f)) - i\hbar \{g, f\} \\ &= \hbar^2 X_{\{f,g\}} + 2i\hbar \{f, g\} - i\hbar (d\eta(X_f, X_g) + \eta([X_f, X_g])) \\ &= \hbar^2 X_{\{f,g\}} + 2i\hbar \{f, g\} - i\hbar \omega(X_f, X_g) - i\hbar \eta([X_f, X_g]) \\ &= i\hbar (-i\hbar X_{\{f,g\}} + 2\{f, g\} - \{f, g\} + \eta(X_{\{f,g\}})) = i\hbar P_{\{f,g\}} \end{aligned}$$

□

### 3.4 Canonical basis of operators in $L^2(\mathbb{R}^2)$

In this Section we show that the Hilbert space  $L^2(\mathbb{R}^2)$  (of prequantum sections, Eq.(10)) is an irreducible space for a convenient Weyl-Heisenberg algebra of operators constructed with the covariant derivative. This will give a decomposition of the space  $L^2(\mathbb{R}^2)$  very useful for later use.

We have chosen coordinates  $(q, p) \in \mathbb{R}^2$  on phase space. Consider the covariant derivatives operators respectively in the directions  $\partial/\partial p$  and  $\partial/\partial q$ . We denote them by:

$$\hat{Q}_2 \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} -i\hbar D_{\frac{\partial}{\partial p}}, \quad \hat{P}_2 \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} -i\hbar D_{\frac{\partial}{\partial q}}$$

With the unitary isomorphism Eq.(10), we identify these operators with operators in  $L^2(\mathbb{R}^2)$ . Using Eq.(12), and Eq.(9), this gives  $\hat{Q}_2 \equiv \left(-i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial p} + \eta\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial p}\right)\right) = \left(-i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial p} + \frac{1}{2}q\right)$ . Similarly for  $\hat{P}_2$ . We obtain:

$$\boxed{\hat{Q}_2 \equiv \left(-i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial p}\right) + \frac{1}{2}q, \quad \hat{P}_2 \equiv \left(-i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial q}\right) - \frac{1}{2}p.} \quad (20)$$

Using the well known commutation relation  $\left[q, \left(-i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial q}\right)\right] = i\hbar \text{Id}$  (similarly with  $p$ ), we deduce that  $(\hat{Q}_2, \hat{P}_2, \text{Id})$  form a Weyl-Heisenberg algebra:

$$[\hat{Q}_2, \hat{P}_2] = \hat{\text{Id}}.$$

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<sup>6</sup>Note that  $P_{f=1} = \hat{\text{Id}}$  is obtained thanks to the third term in (13).  $f \rightarrow (-X_f)$  is also a Lie algebra homomorphism (a more simple one), but  $X_{f=1} = 0 \neq \hat{\text{Id}}$ .



In order to complete this algebra, define

$$\hat{Q}_1 \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathbf{P}_q, \quad \hat{P}_1 \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathbf{P}_p, \quad (21)$$

to be the prequantum operator for functions  $q$  and  $p$  respectively. As before, the corresponding self-adjoint operators in  $L^2(\mathbb{R}^2)$  are explicetly obtained from Eq.(13):

$$\boxed{\hat{Q}_1 \equiv -\left(-i\hbar\frac{\partial}{\partial p}\right) + \frac{1}{2}q, \quad \hat{P}_1 \equiv \left(-i\hbar\frac{\partial}{\partial q}\right) + \frac{1}{2}p.} \quad (22)$$

We directly check (or use Eq.(19)) that  $[\hat{Q}_1, \hat{P}_1] = i\hbar\text{Id}$ . But also

$$[\hat{Q}_i, \hat{P}_j] = i\hbar\text{Id}\delta_{ij}, \quad [\hat{Q}_i, \hat{Q}_j] = 0, \quad [\hat{P}_i, \hat{P}_j] = 0.$$

So  $(\hat{Q}_1, \hat{P}_1, \hat{Q}_2, \hat{P}_2, \text{Id})$  form a basis of the Weyl-Heisenberg algebra with “two-degree of freedom” in  $L^2(\mathbb{R}^2)$ . In fact, we have obtained a new basis, from the original basis  $(q, (-i\hbar\frac{\partial}{\partial q}), p, (-i\hbar\frac{\partial}{\partial p}), \text{Id})$  by a metaplectic transformation [16]. We summarize:

**Proposition 6.** *The space  $L^2(\mathbb{R}^2)$  is an irreducible representation space for the Weyl-Heisenberg algebra of operators  $(\hat{Q}_1, \hat{P}_1, \hat{Q}_2, \hat{P}_2, \text{Id})$ . As a consequence we have a unitary isomorphism:*

$$\boxed{L^2(\mathbb{R}^2) \cong L^2(\mathbb{R}_{(1)}) \otimes L^2(\mathbb{R}_{(2)})} \quad (23)$$

where  $L^2(\mathbb{R}_{(1)})$  (respect  $L^2(\mathbb{R}_{(2)})$ ) denotes the Hilbert space of  $L^2$  functions of one variable  $f(Q_1), Q_1 \in \mathbb{R}$  (respect.  $f(Q_2), Q_2 \in \mathbb{R}$ ), in which  $\hat{Q}_1$  acts as  $(\hat{Q}_1 f)(Q_1) = Q_1 f(Q_1)$  and  $(\hat{P}_1 f)(Q_1) = -i\hbar\frac{df}{dQ_1}(Q_1)$  (respect for  $f(Q_2)$ ). In other words, the decomposition Eq.(23), means that  $\psi(q, p) \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^2)$  is transformed into a function  $\Psi(Q_1, Q_2) \in L^2(\mathbb{R}_{(1)}) \otimes L^2(\mathbb{R}_{(2)})$ , see Eq.(38) below, for an explicit formula.

We will see that the decomposition of the prequantum Hilbert space Eq.(23) plays a major role for our understanding of the prequantum dynamics.

### 3.5 Case of a linear Hamiltonian function

Consider the special case where  $H$  is a linear function on  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , with  $v = (v_q, v_p) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ :

$$H(q, p) = v_q p - v_p q \quad (24)$$

then  $X_H = v_q \frac{\partial}{\partial q} + v_p \frac{\partial}{\partial p}$ . The Hamiltonian flow after time 1 is a translation on  $\mathbb{R}^2$  by the vector  $v$ , and we denote it by  $T_v$ :

$$T_v(x) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} x + v \quad (25)$$

From definition Eq.(21) and linearity of Eq.(11), we deduce that

$$P_H = v_q \hat{P}_1 - v_p \hat{Q}_1 \quad (26)$$

The unitary operator generated by  $P_H$  after time 1 will be written:

$$\tilde{T}_v \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \exp \left( -\frac{i}{\hbar} P_H \right) = \exp \left( -\frac{i}{\hbar} (v_q \hat{P}_1 - v_p \hat{Q}_1) \right) \quad (27)$$

It is the prequantum lift of the classical translation Eq.(25).

### Remarks

- The prequantum operator  $P_H$ , depends only on the operators  $\hat{Q}_1, \hat{P}_1$  and not on  $\hat{Q}_2, \hat{P}_2$ . Therefore with respect to the decomposition Eq.(23), operators  $P_H$  and  $\tilde{T}_v$  act trivially<sup>7</sup> in the space  $L^2(\mathbb{R}_{(2)})$ , i.e., can be written as

$$\tilde{T}_v = \tilde{T}_v^{(1)} \otimes \hat{\text{Id}}^{(2)} \quad (28)$$

- The operator  $P_H$  restricted to the space  $L^2(\mathbb{R}_{(1)})$  is identical to the Weyl-quantized operator  $\text{Op}_{\text{Weyl}}(H(Q_1, P_1)) = v_q \hat{P}_1 - v_p \hat{Q}_1$ , see [16].

**Proposition 7.** *The prequantum translation operators satisfy the algebraic relation of the **Weyl-Heisenberg group**: for any  $v, v' \in \mathbb{R}^2$ ,*

$$\tilde{T}_v \tilde{T}_{v'} = e^{-iS/\hbar} \tilde{T}_{v+v'}, \quad (29)$$

with  $S = \frac{1}{2} v \wedge v' = \frac{1}{2} (v_1 v'_2 - v_2 v'_1)$

*Proof.* There are two ways to see that. The first one (more algebraic) is to use the explicit expression Eq.(26) of  $P_H$  in terms of the operators  $\hat{Q}_1, \hat{P}_1$  and use  $[\hat{Q}_1, \hat{P}_1] = i\hbar \hat{\text{Id}}$  (Weyl-Heisenberg algebra) as well as the Baker-Campbell-Hausdorff relation  $e^A e^B = e^{A+B} e^{\frac{1}{2}[A,B]}$  for any operators which satisfy  $[A, B] = C \cdot \hat{\text{Id}}$ ,  $C \in \mathbb{C}$ .

The second one (more geometrical) is to consider the initial point  $p = r_x \in L_x$  in the fiber over  $x \in \mathbb{R}^2$ . We want to compute the phase  $F$  obtained after a lift over the closed triangular path  $x \rightarrow (x + v') \rightarrow ((x + v') + v) \rightarrow x$  in the plane  $\mathbb{R}^2$ :

$$\tilde{T}_{v+v'}^{-1} \tilde{T}_v \tilde{T}_{v'}(p) = e^{-\frac{i}{\hbar} F} p$$

For a unique translation of  $v$ , starting at  $x$ , Eq.(24) and Eq.(17) give the phase

$$F_{\text{trans.}} = \frac{1}{2} v \wedge x. \quad (30)$$

So for the closed triangular path:

$$F = \frac{1}{2} (v' \wedge x) + \frac{1}{2} (v \wedge (x + v')) + \frac{1}{2} (-(v + v') \wedge (x + v + v')) = \frac{1}{2} v \wedge v'$$

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<sup>7</sup>We will see in Section 3.6, that this is related to the fact that translations on  $\mathbb{R}^2$  preserve the complex structure of  $\mathbb{C} \equiv \mathbb{R}^2$ .

### 3.6 The quantum Hilbert space

The usual Hilbert space of quantum mechanics which corresponds to the phase space  $(q, p) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ , is the space of functions  $\psi(q) \in L^2(\mathbb{R})$  [26]. The prequantum Hilbert space  $L^2(\mathbb{R}^2)$ , Eq.(10), is obviously too large. The usual procedure to construct the quantum Hilbert space from the prequantum one in geometric quantization is to add a complex structure on the phase space  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , called a complex polarization, which induces a holomorphic structure on the line bundle  $L$ , and then consider the subspace of anti-holomorphic sections of  $L$ , (see [35], [5]). We will show below that this indeed gives the “standard” Hilbert space of quantum wave functions  $\psi(q)$ .

We consider the canonical complex structure  $J$  on phase space  $(q, p) \in \mathbb{R}^2$  defined by  $J\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial q}\right) = \frac{\partial}{\partial p}$ . Then  $x = (q, p) \in \mathbb{R}^2$  is identified with  $z \in \mathbb{C}$  by<sup>8</sup>:

$$z = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\hbar}}(q + ip) \quad (31)$$

The **quantum Hilbert space** is defined to be the space of **anti-holomorphic sections**:

$$\mathcal{H} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \left\{ \text{section } s \in L^2(L) / D_{X^+} s = 0, \text{ for all } X^+ \in T^{1,0}(\mathbb{C}) \right\} \quad (32)$$

where the space of tangent vector of type  $(1, 0)$  (holomorphic tangent vector) at point  $x \in \mathbb{R}^2$  is spanned by  $X^+ = \frac{\partial}{\partial q} - i\frac{\partial}{\partial p} = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\hbar}}\frac{\partial}{\partial z}$ .

**Characterization of the quantum Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}$ :** Let us define the usual “annihilation” and “creation” operators  $a_2, a_2^\dagger$  by:

$$a_2 \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\hbar}}(\hat{Q}_2 + i\hat{P}_2), \quad a_2^\dagger \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\hbar}}(\hat{Q}_2 - i\hat{P}_2)$$

The three operators  $(a_2, a_2^\dagger, \hat{I}d)$ , with the relation  $[a_2, a_2^\dagger] = \hat{I}d$ , form a Cartan basis for the Weyl-Heisenberg algebra of operators acting in the space  $L^2(\mathbb{R}_{(2)})$ , which enters in the decomposition Eq.(23). Note also that the introduction of this basis of operators is natural after the choice of the complex structure Eq.(31). Similarly the operators  $(a_1, a_1^\dagger)$  can be constructed with respect to the space  $L^2(\mathbb{R}_{(1)})$ , but we will not need them. We recall that there is an orthonormal basis<sup>9</sup> of  $L^2(\mathbb{R}_{(2)})$  related to the “Harmonic Oscillator”, with vectors denoted by  $|n_2\rangle \in L^2(\mathbb{R}_{(2)})$ ,  $n_2 \in \mathbb{N}$  and defined by

$$|0_2\rangle \in \text{Ker}(a_2) \quad (\text{one dimensional space})$$

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<sup>8</sup>The factor  $1/\sqrt{2\hbar}$  is just a matter of choice.

<sup>9</sup>This orthonormal basis has a nice physical meaning: for a free particle in configuration space  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , with a constant magnetic field  $B = (2\pi\hbar)^{-1}\omega$ , the Hamiltonian is  $\hat{H} = \frac{1}{2}(-i\hbar\partial/\partial q - \frac{1}{2}p)^2 + \frac{1}{2}(-i\hbar\partial/\partial p + \frac{1}{2}q)^2 = \frac{1}{2}\hat{P}_2^2 + \frac{1}{2}\hat{Q}_2^2 = a_2^\dagger a_2 + \frac{1}{2}$ , whose eigenspaces are  $L^2(\mathbb{R}_{(1)}) \otimes (\mathbb{C}|n_2\rangle)$  and eigenvalues  $n_2 + \frac{1}{2}$  called Landau levels.

$$a_2|n_2\rangle = \sqrt{n_2}|n_2 - 1\rangle, \quad a_2^\dagger|n_2\rangle = \sqrt{n_2 + 1}|n_2 + 1\rangle, \quad n_2 \in \mathbb{N} \quad (33)$$

$$(a_2^\dagger a_2)|n_2\rangle = n_2|n_2\rangle$$

**Proposition 8.** *With the unitary isomorphism Eq.(10), a section  $s \in \mathcal{H}$  (Eq. (32)) is identified with a function  $\psi \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^2)$  such that  $a_2\psi = 0$ , but also with the Bargmann space of anti-holomorphic functions with weight  $e^{-z\bar{z}/2}$  [6][16]:*

$$\mathcal{H} \cong \{\psi \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^2), \quad \psi \in \text{Ker}(a_2)\} \quad (34)$$

$$\cong \{\psi \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^2) / \psi(q, p) = e^{-z\bar{z}/2} \varphi(\bar{z}), \quad \varphi(\bar{z}) \text{ anti-holomorphic}\} : \quad \text{Bargmann space} \quad (35)$$

With Eq.(33) and the unitary isomorphism Eq.(23), we get unitary isomorphisms<sup>10</sup>:

$$\boxed{\mathcal{H} \cong L^2(\mathbb{R}_{(1)}) \otimes (\mathbb{C}|0_2\rangle) \cong L^2(\mathbb{R}_{(1)})} \quad (37)$$

where  $(\mathbb{C}|0_2\rangle)$  denotes the one dimensional space  $\text{Span}(|0_2\rangle)$ , and the second isomorphism is related to the choice of a vector<sup>11</sup>  $|0_2\rangle \in \text{Ker}(a_2)$ .

*Proof.* If  $s = \psi r$ , and  $X^+ = \frac{\partial}{\partial q} - i\frac{\partial}{\partial p} = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\hbar}}\frac{\partial}{\partial z}$ , then

$$-i\hbar D_{X^+} s = -i\hbar D_{\frac{\partial}{\partial q}} s - i(-i\hbar) D_{\frac{\partial}{\partial p}} s = \left( \left( \hat{P}_2 - i\hat{Q}_2 \right) \psi \right) r = -i\sqrt{2\hbar} (a_2\psi) r$$

so  $D_{X^+} s = 0 \Leftrightarrow a_2\psi = 0 \Leftrightarrow \psi \in \text{Ker}(a_2)$ . Also we can write  $D_{X^+} s = -i\sqrt{2\hbar} \left( \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial z} + \frac{1}{2}\bar{z}\psi \right) r$ , and  $D_{X^+} s = 0 \Leftrightarrow \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial z} = -\frac{1}{2}\bar{z}\psi \Leftrightarrow \psi = e^{-z\bar{z}/2} \varphi(\bar{z})$ , with an anti-holomorphic function  $\varphi(\bar{z})$ .  $\square$

**Correspondence with the usual Quantum Hilbert space  $L^2(\mathbb{R})$ :** We can make the connection between the space  $\mathcal{H}$  and the usual space of quantum wave functions more explicit. In “standard quantum mechanics” also called “position representation”, the quantum Hilbert space associated to the phase space  $(q, p) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \equiv T^*\mathbb{R}$  consists of wave functions  $\varphi(q) \in L^2(\mathbb{R})$ . In this Section, we show that this space  $L^2(\mathbb{R})$  coincides with the space  $L^2(\mathbb{R}_{(1)})$  used in Eq.(37). For that purpose we have to show that the map  $\varphi \in L^2(\mathbb{R}_{(1)}) \rightarrow \psi \in \mathcal{H} \subset L^2(\mathbb{R}^2)$  coincides with the **Bargmann Transform** [6] of  $\varphi$ .

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<sup>10</sup>We can introduce an orthogonal projector in the prequantum space onto the quantum space, called the **Toeplitz projector**:

$$\hat{\Pi} : L^2(L) \rightarrow \mathcal{H}.$$

With the identifications given by the unitary isomorphisms Eq.(23) and Eq.(37),  $\hat{\Pi}$  is the projector in the space  $L^2(\mathbb{R}_{(1)}) \otimes L^2(\mathbb{R}_{(2)})$  onto the linear subspace  $L^2(\mathbb{R}_{(1)}) \otimes (\mathbb{C}|0_2\rangle)$ , and can be written

$$\hat{\Pi} \equiv \hat{\text{Id}}_{(1)} \otimes (|0_2\rangle\langle 0_2|) \quad (36)$$

This projector is used in geometric quantization to defined Toeplitz quantization rules, see [5].

<sup>11</sup>In geometrical terms, the complex structure  $J$  is associated to the one dimensional space  $\mathbb{C}|0_2\rangle$ . More generally, the space of all possible homogeneous complex structures on  $\mathbb{R}^2$  (which is the hyperbolic half plane  $\mathbb{H}$ ) is identified with the so called squeezed coherent states, which are the orbit of the space  $(\mathbb{C}|0_2\rangle)$  under the action of the metaplectic group  $\text{Mp}(2, \mathbb{R})$  (generated by quadratic functions of  $\hat{Q}_2, \hat{P}_2$ ).

**Proposition 9.** *If  $\varphi \in L^2(\mathbb{R}_{(1)})$ , the isomorphism  $\mathcal{H} \cong L^2(\mathbb{R}_{(1)})$  in Eq.(37) is given by  $\varphi \in L^2(\mathbb{R}_{(1)}) \rightarrow \psi \in \mathcal{H} \subset L^2(\mathbb{R}^2)$ , with*

$$\psi(q, p) = \frac{1}{(\pi\hbar)^{1/4}} e^{iqp/(2\hbar)} \int_{\mathbb{R}} dQ_1 \varphi(Q_1) e^{-iQ_1 p/\hbar} e^{-(Q_1 - q)^2/(2\hbar)}$$

We recognize the **Bargmann transform** [6] of  $\varphi$ .

*Proof.* From Eq.(22), Eq.(20), we have an explicit relation between the representation of a function  $\psi$  in  $(q, p)$  variables or  $(Q_1, Q_2)$  variables:

$$\psi(q, p) = \int dQ_1 dQ_2 \langle qp | Q_1 Q_2 \rangle \Psi(Q_1, Q_2) \quad (38)$$

with

$$\langle qp | Q_1 Q_2 \rangle \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \delta(Q_1 + Q_2 - q) e^{i\frac{1}{2}(Q_2 - Q_1)p/\hbar}$$

(which comes from  $\langle p_0 | \xi_p \rangle = e^{i\xi_p p_0/\hbar}$ ,  $\langle q_0 | q \rangle = \delta(q_0 - q)$  and  $q = Q_1 + Q_2$ ,  $\xi_p = \frac{1}{2}(Q_2 - Q_1)$ ). Now if  $\psi \in \mathcal{H}$ , then from Eq.(37),  $\Psi(Q_1, Q_2) = \varphi(Q_1) \varphi_0(Q_2)$ , where  $\varphi_0(Q_2) = \langle Q_2 | 0_2 \rangle = (\pi\hbar)^{-1/4} \exp(-Q_2^2/(2\hbar))$ . This gives

$$\begin{aligned} \psi(q, p) &= \int dQ_1 dQ_2 \delta(Q_1 + Q_2 - q) e^{i\frac{1}{2}(Q_2 - Q_1)p/\hbar} \varphi(Q_1) \frac{1}{(\pi\hbar)^{1/4}} \exp\left(-\frac{Q_2^2}{2\hbar}\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{(\pi\hbar)^{1/4}} e^{iqp/(2\hbar)} \int dQ_1 e^{-iQ_1 p/\hbar} \varphi(Q_1) \exp\left(-\frac{(q - Q_1)^2}{2\hbar}\right) \end{aligned}$$

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### 3.7 Case of a quadratic Hamiltonian function

We consider now the special case where the Hamiltonian  $H(q, p)$  is a quadratic function:

$$H(q, p) = \frac{1}{2}\alpha q^2 + \frac{1}{2}\beta p^2 + \gamma qp, \quad \alpha, \beta, \gamma \in \mathbb{R} \quad (39)$$

Let us denote by  $M \in \text{SL}(2, \mathbb{R})$  the flow on  $\mathbb{R}^2$  generated by the quadratic Hamiltonian  $H$  after time 1 ( $M$  is a linear symplectic map).

**Proposition 10.** *With respect to the decomposition Eq.(23), the prequantum operator writes*

$$P_H = P_H^{(1)} \otimes Id_{(2)} + Id_{(1)} \otimes P_H^{(2)} \quad (40)$$

with

$$P_H^{(1)} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \frac{1}{2}\alpha \hat{Q}_1^2 + \frac{1}{2}\beta \hat{P}_1^2 + \gamma \left( \frac{1}{2}\hat{Q}_1 \hat{P}_1 + \frac{1}{2}\hat{P}_1 \hat{Q}_1 \right) = Op_{Weyl}^{(1)}(H) \quad (41)$$

which acts in  $L^2(\mathbb{R}_{(1)})$ , and

$$P_H^{(2)} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} -\frac{1}{2}\alpha\hat{Q}_2^2 - \frac{1}{2}\beta\hat{P}_2^2 + \gamma\left(\frac{1}{2}\hat{Q}_2\hat{P}_2 + \frac{1}{2}\hat{P}_2\hat{Q}_2\right) = Op_{Weyl}^{(2)}(H_{(2)})$$

which acts in  $L^2(\mathbb{R}_{(2)})$ . Here,  $Op_{Weyl}^{(i)}$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ , means usual Weyl (symmetric) quantization of quadratic symbols, with respectively  $(Q_1, P_1)$  or  $(Q_2, P_2)$ . The function

$$H_{(2)}(q, p) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} -\frac{1}{2}\alpha q^2 - \frac{1}{2}\beta p^2 + \gamma qp \quad (42)$$

can be written as  $H_{(2)} = -H \circ \mathcal{T}$  where  $\mathcal{T}(q, p) = (q, -p)$  is the “time reversal” operation.

*Proof.* The Hamiltonian vector field is  $X_H = (\gamma q + \beta p) \frac{\partial}{\partial q} - (\alpha q + \gamma p) \frac{\partial}{\partial p}$ . We compute then

$$\eta(X_H) + H = 0 \quad (43)$$

so  $P_H = -i\hbar X_H = (\gamma q + \beta p) \left(-i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial q}\right) - (\alpha q + \gamma p) \left(-i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial p}\right)$ . Note that this means that the prequantum transport by  $P_H$  is equivalent to the Hamiltonian transport Eq.(8). Using Eq.(20) and Eq.(22), we deduce the expression of  $P_H$  in terms of the operators  $(\hat{Q}_i, \hat{P}_i)$ .  $\square$

## Remarks

- The separation of terms in Eq.(40), has the following direct consequence on the prequantum dynamics. Let

$$\tilde{M}_{(1),t} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \exp\left(-\frac{i}{\hbar} P_H^{(1)} t\right), \quad \tilde{M}_{(2),t} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \exp\left(-\frac{i}{\hbar} P_H^{(2)} t\right)$$

be the unitary operators acting in  $L^2(\mathbb{R}_{(1)})$  and  $L^2(\mathbb{R}_{(2)})$  respectively, and generated by  $P_H^{(1)}$  and  $P_H^{(2)}$  respectively. Then the total unitary operator in  $L^2(\mathbb{R}^2)$  (the prequantum propagator) decomposes as a tensor product:

$$\boxed{\tilde{M}_t \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \exp\left(-\frac{i}{\hbar} P_H t\right) = \tilde{M}_{(1),t} \otimes \tilde{M}_{(2),t}} \quad (44)$$

We will see that this tensor product is the main phenomenon which explains that the spectrum of prequantum resonances is a product of two spectra in Eq.(2).

- Note that the prequantum evolution does not preserve the quantum Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H} \cong L^2(\mathbb{R}_{(1)}) \otimes (\mathbb{C}|0_2\rangle)$ , except if  $|0_2\rangle$  is an eigen-vector of  $P_H^{(2)}$ , i.e. if  $H = \frac{1}{2}\alpha(q^2 + p^2)$  is the Harmonic oscillator. The geometrical meaning is that the linear symplectic map  $M \in \text{SL}(2, \mathbb{R})$  does not preserve the complex structure  $J$  except if  $M \in \text{U}(1)$  is a rotation.

- **Spectrum of the prequantum Harmonic oscillator:** With  $\alpha = \beta = 1$  and  $\gamma = 0$  in Eq.(39), we obtain  $H = \frac{1}{2}(q^2 + p^2)$ . From Eq.(40), we observe that  $P_H$  is the sum of two “quantum Harmonic oscillators in 1::(-1) resonances”, i.e.  $P_H = \frac{1}{2}(\hat{Q}_1^2 + \hat{P}_1^2) - \frac{1}{2}(\hat{Q}_2^2 + \hat{P}_2^2)$ . We deduce that its spectrum  $\sigma(P_H)$  is the set of eigenvalues  $\lambda_{n_1, n_2} = \hbar(n_1 + \frac{1}{2}) - \hbar(n_2 + \frac{1}{2}) = \hbar(n_1 - n_2)$ , with  $n_1, n_2 \in \mathbb{N}$ . So  $\sigma(P_H) = \hbar\mathbb{Z}$ , with infinite multiplicity<sup>12</sup>.

**Lemma 1.** *For any  $v \in \mathbb{R}^2$ , one trivially has  $MT_v = T_{Mv}M$ . This conjugation relation persists at the prequantum level:*

$$\tilde{M}\tilde{T}_v = \tilde{T}_{Mv}\tilde{M} \quad (45)$$

where  $\tilde{T}_v$  is defined by Eq.(26), and  $\tilde{M} = \exp(-\frac{i}{\hbar}P_H)$ .

*Proof.* For any point  $x \in \mathbb{R}^2$  and  $v \in \mathbb{R}^2$ , the linear relation  $M(x+v) = M(x) + M(v)$  gives  $MT_v = T_{Mv}M$ . Consider the initial point  $p = r_x \in L_x$  in the fiber over  $x \in \mathbb{R}^2$ . We want to compute the phase  $F$  obtained on the lifted path over the piece-wised closed path  $x = T_v^{-1}M^{-1}T_{Mv}M(x)$ , defined by

$$\tilde{T}_v^{-1}\tilde{M}^{-1}\tilde{T}_{Mv}\tilde{M}(p) = e^{-\frac{i}{\hbar}F}p \quad (46)$$

For a path generated by the quadratic Hamiltonian  $H$ , Eq.(17), Eq.(43) gives that the phase is  $F = 0$ . So only the translations contribute to the phase. From Eq.(30) and Eq.(46), we obtain:

$$F = \frac{1}{2}(Mv \wedge Mx) - \frac{1}{2}v \wedge (x+v) = 0 \quad (47)$$

using also the fact that  $M$  preserves area.  $\square$

## 4 Linear cat map on the torus $\mathbb{T}^2$

After the necessary presentation of prequantization on phase space  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , we can now pass to the quotient  $\mathbb{T}^2 = \mathbb{R}^2/\mathbb{Z}^2$ . In this Section we recall the definition of the hyperbolic cat map on the torus  $\mathbb{T}^2 = \mathbb{R}^2/\mathbb{Z}^2$  and present its prequantization in the same way its quantization is usually obtained (see e.g. [20],[1], [14]).

We start from a hyperbolic map

$$M = \begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{pmatrix} \in SL(2, \mathbb{Z}) \quad (48)$$

on  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , i.e. with integer coefficients such that  $AD - BC = 1$  and  $\text{Tr}(M) = A + D > 2$ . A simple example is the “cat map”  $M = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  [3]. For any  $x \in \mathbb{R}^2, n \in \mathbb{Z}^2$ ,  $M(x+n) = M(x) + M(n) \equiv M(x) \pmod{1}$  so  $M$  induces a map on the torus  $\mathbb{T}^2 = \mathbb{R}^2/\mathbb{Z}^2$  also denoted by  $M$ , which is fully chaotic.

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<sup>12</sup>More generally it could be interesting to compute the spectrum of a prequantum operator if the classical Hamiltonian flow is integrable.

## 4.1 Prequantum Hilbert space of the torus

In this paragraph, we explicitly construct the prequantum Hilbert space  $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}_N$  associated to the torus phase space  $\mathbb{T}^2$ , and the prequantum map  $\tilde{M} \in \text{End}(\tilde{\mathcal{H}}_N)$  acting in it (respectively the quantum map  $\hat{M} \in \text{End}(\mathcal{H}_N)$  acting in the quantum Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}_N$ ).

### 4.1.1 Prequantum and Quantum Hilbert space for the torus $\mathbb{T}^2$ phase space

The integer lattice  $\mathbb{Z}^2 \subset \mathbb{R}^2$  is generated by the two vectors  $(1, 0)$  and  $(0, 1)$ . We consider the corresponding prequantum translation operators  $\tilde{T}_1 \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \tilde{T}_{(1,0)}$  and  $\tilde{T}_2 \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \tilde{T}_{(0,1)}$ , defined by Eq.(27), which satisfy  $\tilde{T}_1 \tilde{T}_2 = e^{-i/\hbar} \tilde{T}_2 \tilde{T}_1$  as a result of Eq.(29). So for special values of  $\hbar$  given by:

$$N = \frac{1}{2\pi\hbar} \in \mathbb{N}^*,$$

one has the property  $[\tilde{T}_1, \tilde{T}_2] = 0$ . We assume this relation from now on.

We have seen in Eq.(28) that each operator has a trivial action in the space  $L^2(\mathbb{R}_{(2)})$  entering the decomposition Eq.(23). So we will first consider their action in the space  $L^2(\mathbb{R}_{(1)})$ . Let us define the space of “periodic distributions”<sup>13</sup>:

$$\mathcal{H}_{(1),N} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \left\{ \psi \in \mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{R}_{(1)}) \text{ such that } \tilde{T}_1 \psi = \psi, \tilde{T}_2 \psi = \psi \right\} \quad (49)$$

**Characterization of the space  $\mathcal{H}_{(1),N}$ :**

**Lemma 2.**  *$\dim \mathcal{H}_{(1),N} = N$ . An explicit orthonormal basis of  $\mathcal{H}_{(1),N}$  is given by distributions  $(\varphi_n)_{n=0 \dots N-1}$  made of Dirac comb:*

$$\varphi_n(Q_1) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \delta \left( Q_1 - \left( \frac{n}{N} + k \right) \right), \quad n = 0, \dots, N-1 \quad (50)$$

*Proof.* First we observe that in the space  $L^2(\mathbb{R}_{(1)})$ , the operator  $\tilde{T}_1 = \tilde{T}_{(1,0)} = \exp \left( -\frac{i}{\hbar} \hat{P}_1 \right) = \exp \left( -\frac{\partial}{\partial Q_1} \right)$  translates functions by one unit:  $(\tilde{T}_1 \psi)(Q_1) = \psi(Q_1 - 1)$ , and similarly the

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<sup>13</sup>We could have given a more general presentation with a decomposition of  $L^2(\mathbb{R}_{(1)})$  into common eigenspaces of the operators  $\tilde{T}_1, \tilde{T}_2$ :

$$L^2(\mathbb{R}_{(1)}) = \int_{[0,2\pi]^2}^{\oplus} \mathcal{H}_{(1),N,\theta} \frac{d^2\theta}{(2\pi)^2},$$

$$\mathcal{H}_{(1),N,\theta} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \left\{ \psi_{(1)} \in \mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{R}_{(1)}) \text{ such that } \tilde{T}_1 \psi_{(1)} = e^{i\theta_1} \psi_{(1)}, \tilde{T}_2 \psi_{(1)} = e^{i\theta_2} \psi_{(1)} \right\}$$

with  $\theta = (\theta_1, \theta_2) \in [0, 2\pi]^2$ . In this paper, we only consider the space  $\mathcal{H}_{(1),N} = \mathcal{H}_{(1),N,\theta=0}$  which is sufficient for our purpose, and avoids more complicated notations. See Section 3.2 in [14], where this more general presentation is done.



operator  $\tilde{T}_2 = \tilde{T}_{(0,1)} = \exp\left(-\frac{i}{\hbar}(-\hat{Q}_1)\right)$  translates the  $\hbar$ -Fourier Transform by one unit:  $(\tilde{T}_2\hat{\psi})(P_1) = \hat{\psi}(P_1 - 1)$ , with  $\hat{\psi}(P_1) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\hbar}} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \psi(Q_1) e^{-iP_1Q_1/\hbar}$ . So the space  $\mathcal{H}_{(1),N}$  consists of distributions  $\psi(Q_1)$  which are periodic with period one, and such that the Fourier transform is also periodic with period one. As a result  $\psi(Q_1) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \psi_n \delta(Q_1 - nh)$  with  $h = \frac{1}{N} = 2\pi\hbar$ , and with components  $\psi_n \in \mathbb{C}$  which satisfy the periodicity relation  $\psi_{n+N} = \psi_n$ . So there are only  $N$  independent components, and  $\psi = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \psi_n \varphi_n$ .  $\square$

Similarly to Eq.(49), let us define the **prequantum Hilbert space of the torus** by:

$$\tilde{\mathcal{H}}_N \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \left\{ \text{sections } s \in \Gamma^\infty(L) \text{ such that } \tilde{T}_1 s = s, \tilde{T}_2 s = s, \quad \int_{[0,1]^2} |s(x)|^2 < \infty \right\} \quad (51)$$

With the unitary isomorphism Eq.(23), and with Eq.(49), we can write<sup>1415</sup>:

$$\boxed{\tilde{\mathcal{H}}_N \equiv \mathcal{H}_{(1),N} \otimes L^2(\mathbb{R}_{(2)})}. \quad (52)$$

The definition Eq.(51) is a space of sections of  $L \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  periodic with respect to some action of  $\mathbb{Z}^2$ . The space  $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}_N$  can be identified with the space of  $L^2$  sections of a non trivial line bundle  $L \rightarrow \mathbb{T}^2$  over the torus, with Chern index  $N$ . With respect to the trivialization  $r$  the space  $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}_N$  consists of quasi-periodic functions:

$$\tilde{\mathcal{H}}_N \equiv \left\{ \psi \text{ s.t. } \psi(x+n) = \psi(x) e^{-i2\pi \frac{N}{2} n \wedge x} e^{-i2\pi \frac{N}{2} n_1 n_2}, \forall x \in \mathbb{R}^2, \forall n \in \mathbb{Z}^2 \text{ and } \int_{[0,1]^2} |\psi(x)|^2 dx < \infty \right\} \quad (53)$$

*Proof.* With Eq.(29) we have  $\tilde{T}_n = \tilde{T}_{(n_1,0)+(0,n_2)} = e^{i2\pi \frac{N}{2} n_1 n_2} \tilde{T}_{(n_1,0)} \tilde{T}_{(0,n_2)} = e^{i2\pi \frac{N}{2} n_1 n_2} \tilde{T}_1^{n_1} \tilde{T}_2^{n_2}$ . Then with Eq.(51), Eq.(30) and Eq.(18)  $s = \psi r \in \tilde{\mathcal{H}}_N \Leftrightarrow \{\tilde{T}_n s = e^{i2\pi \frac{N}{2} n_1 n_2} s \text{ for any } n \in \mathbb{Z}^2\} \Leftrightarrow \psi(x) e^{-i2\pi \frac{N}{2} n \wedge x} = e^{i2\pi \frac{N}{2} n_1 n_2} \psi(x+n)$ .  $\square$

In the same manner, let us define the **quantum Hilbert space of the torus** by:

$$\mathcal{H}_N \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \left\{ s \in \tilde{\mathcal{H}}_N \text{ such that } s \text{ is anti-holomorphic} \right\} \quad (54)$$

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<sup>14</sup>Note that this isomorphism gives an explicit orthonormal basis of the prequantum Hilbert space  $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}_N$  of  $L^2$  sections of the Hermitian line bundle  $L$  over  $\mathbb{T}^2$ , which is not obvious a priori. Namely  $\phi_{n,m} = \varphi_n \otimes \psi_m$  where  $\varphi_n, n = 1 \rightarrow N$ , Eq.(50), is an o.n. basis of  $\mathcal{H}_{(1),N}$  and  $\psi_m, m \in \mathbb{N}$  is an orthonormal basis of  $L^2(\mathbb{R}_{(2)})$  (for example the eigenstates of the Harmonic oscillator given in Eq.(33)). This basis has in fact a well known physical meaning: each space  $\mathcal{H}_{(1),N} \otimes (\mathbb{C}\psi_m)$  is the eigenspace for the Hamiltonian of a free particle moving on the torus  $\mathbb{T}^2$  with a constant magnetic field  $B = N\omega$ . The corresponding eigenvalues are called the Landau levels.

<sup>15</sup>The tensor product decomposition Eq.(52) which is an important step in order to obtain Theorem 1 can be considered as a simple (and surely well known) result of pure representation theory of the Heisenberg group. More precisely, let  $H_{\mathbb{R}}$  be the Heisenberg group and  $H_{\mathbb{Z}}$  be the integral Heisenberg group. Then Eq.(52) concerns the decomposition of  $L^2(H_{\mathbb{R}} \setminus H_{\mathbb{Z}})$  under the action of  $H_{\mathbb{R}}$  (whose Lie algebra is represented in this paper by the operators  $\hat{Q}_2, \hat{P}_2, Id$ ).

From Eq.(37) we have:

$$\boxed{\mathcal{H}_N \equiv \mathcal{H}_{(1),N} \otimes (\mathbb{C}|0_2\rangle) \equiv \mathcal{H}_{(1),N}}$$

Note that there is a “perfect decoupling” between the anti-holomorphic condition which concerns the  $L^2(\mathbb{R}_{(2)})$  part of the decomposition Eq.(23), and the torus periodicity which concerns the  $L^2(\mathbb{R}_{(1)})$  part.

#### 4.1.2 The prequantum cat map and the quantum cat map

In order to obtain the prequantum map or quantum map corresponding to  $M : \mathbb{T}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{T}^2$  given in Eq.(48), we have first to describe  $M$  as a Hamiltonian flow<sup>16</sup>. The hyperbolic linear map  $M : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ ,  $M \in \text{SL}(2, \mathbb{Z})$ , can be realized as a time 1 flow on  $\mathbb{R}^2$  phase space generated by a *hyperbolic quadratic Hamiltonian function*:

$$H(q, p) = \frac{1}{2}\alpha q^2 + \frac{1}{2}\beta p^2 + \gamma qp, \quad (55)$$

From Hamiltonian equations  $dq(t)/dt = \partial_p H = \gamma q + \beta p$ ,  $dp(t)/dt = -\partial_q H = -\alpha q - \gamma p$ , we deduce that the constants  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma \in \mathbb{R}$  are obtained by solving  $M = \begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{pmatrix} = \exp \begin{pmatrix} \gamma & \beta \\ -\alpha & -\gamma \end{pmatrix}$ . The **Lyapounov exponent** is given by  $\lambda = \sqrt{\gamma^2 - \alpha\beta} = \log \left( \frac{T + \sqrt{T^2 - 4}}{2} \right)$ , with  $T = \text{Tr}(M) = A + D$ , and gives the two eigenvalues  $e^{\pm\lambda}$  of  $M$ .

In Section 3.7, Eq.(44), we have considered such quadratic Hamiltonian functions and obtained that the prequantum map  $\tilde{M} = \exp(-\frac{i}{\hbar}P_H)$  which is a unitary operator acting in  $L^2(\mathbb{R}^2) \equiv L^2(\mathbb{R}_{(1)}) \otimes L^2(\mathbb{R}_{(2)})$ , decomposes as  $\tilde{M} = \tilde{M}_{(1)} \otimes \tilde{M}_{(2)}$ .

**Lemma 3.** *If  $N$  is even, the prequantum map  $\tilde{M}$  in  $L^2(\mathbb{R}^2)$  defines in a natural way unitary endomorphisms associated with the torus phase space:*

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{M}_{(1),N} : \mathcal{H}_{(1),N} &\rightarrow \mathcal{H}_{(1),N} && : \text{the quantum catmap} \\ \tilde{M}_N \equiv \tilde{M}_{(1),N} \otimes \tilde{M}_{(2)} : \tilde{\mathcal{H}}_N &\rightarrow \tilde{\mathcal{H}}_N && : \text{the prequantum catmap} \end{aligned}$$

<sup>16</sup>The reason is essentially that a map itself has not all the information necessary to define the prequantum or quantum map in a unique way. In particular the “classical action” of the trajectories are not defined *a priori*. If the map is obtained from a Poincaré section or a stroboscopic section of a Hamiltonian flow, then there is less arbitrariness to (pre)quantized it.

*Proof.* Remind that the passage from the prequantum space  $L^2(\mathbb{R}^2) \equiv L^2(\mathbb{R}_{(1)}) \otimes L^2(\mathbb{R}_{(2)})$  to the torus prequantum space concerns only the  $L^2(\mathbb{R}_{(1)})$  part. Let us define a projector from the space  $L^2(\mathbb{R}_{(1)})$  onto the space  $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}_{(1),N}$  by:

$$\tilde{\mathcal{P}}_{(1)} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \sum_{(n_1, n_2) \in \mathbb{Z}^2} \tilde{T}_1^{n_1} \tilde{T}_2^{n_2} = \sum_{(n_1, n_2) \in \mathbb{Z}^2} \tilde{T}_n, \quad (56)$$

(we have used  $\tilde{T}_n = \tilde{T}_1^{n_1} \tilde{T}_2^{n_2}$ , from Eq.(29), and the hypothesis that  $N$  is even). The domain of  $\tilde{\mathcal{P}}_{(1)}$  consists of fast decreasing sections. We extend  $\tilde{\mathcal{P}}_{(1)}$  on the whole prequantum space  $L^2(\mathbb{R}^2) \equiv L^2(\mathbb{R}_{(1)}) \otimes L^2(\mathbb{R}_{(2)})$  by  $\tilde{\mathcal{P}} = \tilde{\mathcal{P}}_{(1)} \otimes \hat{I}d_{(2)}$ . Using Eq.(56) and Eq.(45), we have

$$\tilde{M}\tilde{\mathcal{P}} = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}^2} \tilde{M}\tilde{T}_n = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}^2} \tilde{T}_{Mn}\tilde{M} = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}^2} \tilde{T}_n\tilde{M} = \tilde{\mathcal{P}}\tilde{M}$$

using that  $M$  is one to one on  $\mathbb{Z}^2$ . In particular  $\tilde{M}_{(1)}\tilde{\mathcal{P}}_{(1)} = \tilde{\mathcal{P}}_{(1)}\tilde{M}_{(1)}$ . This gives a commutative diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} L^2(\mathbb{R}_{(1)}) & \xrightarrow{\tilde{M}_{(1)}} & L^2(\mathbb{R}_{(1)}) \\ \downarrow \tilde{\mathcal{P}}_{(1)} & & \downarrow \tilde{\mathcal{P}}_{(1)} \\ \mathcal{H}_{(1),N} & \xrightarrow{\tilde{M}_{(1)}} & \mathcal{H}_{(1),N} \end{array}$$

which means that  $\tilde{M}_{(1)}$  induces a map denoted  $\tilde{M}_{(1),N} : \mathcal{H}_{(1),N} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_{(1),N}$  (the quantum map), and similarly that  $\tilde{M}$  induces a map denoted by  $\tilde{M}_N : \tilde{\mathcal{H}}_N \rightarrow \tilde{\mathcal{H}}_N$  (the prequantum map). The fact that  $\tilde{M}_{(1),N}$  is the “usual” quantum map is because its generator is obtained by Weyl quantization in Eq.(41).  $\square$

## 4.2 Prequantum resonances

### 4.2.1 Spectrum of the quantum map

The spectrum of the quantum cat map, i.e. the unitary operator  $\tilde{M}_{N,(1)}$  in the  $N$  dimensional space  $\mathcal{H}_{(1),N}$  is well studied in the literature [22][23][24][25]. Let

$$\tilde{M}_{N,(1)}|\psi_{(1),k}\rangle = e^{i\varphi_k}|\psi_{(1),k}\rangle, \quad k = 1 \rightarrow N \quad (57)$$

be the eigenvectors and eigenvalues of  $\tilde{M}_{N,(1)}$ . (See figure 1 page 7).

The prequantum map is the unitary map  $\tilde{M}_N = \tilde{M}_{N,(1)} \otimes \tilde{M}_{(2)}$  acting in the infinite dimensional space  $\mathcal{H}_{(1),N} \otimes L^2(\mathbb{R}_{(2)})$ . The unitary operator  $\tilde{M}_{(2)} = \exp\left(-\frac{i}{\hbar}P_H^{(2)}\right)$  is generated by  $P_H^{(2)} = Op_{Weyl}(H_{(2)})$ , with the *hyperbolic* quadratic Hamiltonian  $H_{(2)}$  given by Eq.(42).  $P_H^{(2)}$  has a continuous spectrum with multiplicity two, therefore  $\tilde{M}_{(2)}$  has a continuous spectrum on the unit circle. The spectrum of  $\tilde{M}_N$  is then obtained by a product from the spectra of  $\tilde{M}_{N,(1)}$  and  $\tilde{M}_{(2)}$ . The aim of this Section is to show that  $\tilde{M}_{(2)}$  and therefore  $\tilde{M}_N$ , have nevertheless a well defined discrete spectrum of resonances.

### 4.2.2 Normal form of the operator $\tilde{M}_{(2)}$

We consider the operator  $\tilde{M}_{(2)} = \exp\left(-\frac{i}{\hbar}P_H^{(2)}\right)$  with  $P_H^{(2)} = Op_{Weyl}(H_{(2)}) = -\frac{1}{2}\alpha\hat{Q}_2^2 - \frac{1}{2}\beta\hat{P}_2^2 + \frac{\gamma}{2}(\hat{Q}_2\hat{P}_2 + \hat{P}_2\hat{Q}_2)$  acting in the space  $L^2(\mathbb{R}_{(2)})$ . The classical symbol  $H_{(2)}(q, p) = -\frac{1}{2}\alpha q^2 - \frac{1}{2}\beta p^2 + \gamma qp$  is a *hyperbolic* quadratic function on  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . Therefore, there exists a linear symplectic transformation  $D \in SL(2, \mathbb{R})$  which transforms  $H_{(2)}$  into the hyperbolic normal form:

$$N = H_{(2)} \circ D, \quad N(q, p) = \lambda qp$$

with the Lyapounov exponent  $\lambda = \sqrt{\gamma^2 - \alpha\beta}$  (this last quantity is the unique symplectic invariant of the function  $H_{(2)}$ ).

At the operator level, there is a similar result: there exists a metaplectic operator (unitary operator in  $L^2(\mathbb{R}_{(2)})$ ), given by  $\hat{D} = \exp(-iOp_{Weyl}(d)/\hbar)$  (with  $d(q, p)$  a quadratic form which generates  $D$ ) such that :

$$\boxed{\hat{N} = \hat{D}P_H^{(2)}\hat{D}^{-1} = Op_{Weyl}(N) = \frac{\lambda}{2}(\hat{Q}_2\hat{P}_2 + \hat{P}_2\hat{Q}_2)} \quad (58)$$

As a result,  $\tilde{M}_{(2)} = \exp\left(-\frac{i}{\hbar}P_H^{(2)}\right) = \hat{D}^{-1} \exp\left(-\frac{i}{\hbar}\hat{N}\right) \hat{D}$  is conjugated to the normal form, so we can consider the operator  $\exp\left(-\frac{i}{\hbar}\hat{N}\right)$  or  $\hat{N}$  itself, which are simpler to handle.

### 4.2.3 Quantum resonances of the quantum hyperbolic fixed point

“Quantum resonances” of  $\hat{N} = Op_{Weyl}(\lambda qp)$  are well known. Note that with a canonical transform,  $N(q, p) = \lambda qp$  is transformed to the inverted potential barrier:  $H(x, \xi) = \frac{1}{2}\xi^2 - \frac{1}{2}\lambda^2 x^2$ . We recall here how to define and obtain these resonances by the complex scaling method [8]. Consider first the classical flow on  $(\mathbb{R}^2, dq \wedge dp)$  generated by the hyperbolic Hamiltonian function  $N(q, p) = \lambda qp$ . The point  $(0, 0)$  is a hyperbolic fixed point, with an unstable direction  $\{p = 0\}$ , and a stable direction  $\{q = 0\}$ . Let us introduce the quadratic “escape function”:

$$f_\alpha(q, p) = \frac{\alpha}{2}(p^2 - q^2), \quad \alpha > 0$$

and define

$$\hat{f}_\alpha \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} Op_{Weyl}(f_\alpha), \quad \hat{A}_\alpha \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \exp(\hat{f}_\alpha)$$

For  $|\alpha| < \pi/2$ , the domains  $D_A \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{dom}(\hat{A}_\alpha)$  and  $C_A \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{dom}(\hat{A}_\alpha^{-1})$  are dense in  $L^2(\mathbb{R}_{(2)})$ . One can explicitly check that they contain Gaussian wave functions. The choice of the escape function  $f_\alpha$  is related to the property that it decreases along the flow of  $N$ : let  $X_N = \lambda\left(q\frac{\partial}{\partial q} - p\frac{\partial}{\partial p}\right)$  be the Hamiltonian vector field associated to  $N$ , then  $X_N(f_\alpha) = -\alpha\lambda(q^2 + p^2) < 0$  if  $q, p \neq 0$ .

**Lemma 4.** For  $|\alpha| < \pi/2$ , let  $\hat{K}_\alpha \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \frac{i}{\hbar} \hat{A}_\alpha \hat{N} \hat{A}_\alpha^{-1}$ . Then  $\hat{K}_\alpha$  is defined on a dense domain in  $L^2(\mathbb{R}_{(2)})$ , and

$$\hat{K}_\alpha = \frac{1}{\hbar} \lambda \sin(2\alpha) \text{Op}_{Weyl} \left( \frac{1}{2} (q^2 + p^2) \right) + \frac{i}{\hbar} \lambda \cos(2\alpha) \text{Op}_{Weyl}(qp)$$

In particular for  $\alpha = \frac{\pi}{4}$ ,

$$\hat{K}_{\pi/4} = \lambda \frac{1}{2\hbar} (\hat{q}^2 + \hat{p}^2) \quad (59)$$

is the quantum Harmonic oscillator with discrete spectrum  $\lambda_n = \lambda \left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right)$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

We keep now the simple choice  $\alpha = \pi/4$ , and write  $\hat{K} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \hat{K}_{\pi/4}$ ,  $\hat{A} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \hat{A}_{\pi/4}$ .

*Proof.* The proof requires some standard calculation with the complexified metaplectic group, whose Lie algebra  $sp(2, \mathbb{R})^\mathbb{C} = sl(2, \mathbb{C})$  is generated by the three operators  $\text{Op}_{Weyl}(qp)$ ,  $\text{Op}_{Weyl}(\frac{1}{2}(p^2 - q^2))$ ,  $\text{Op}_{Weyl}(\frac{1}{2}(p^2 + q^2))$ , see [16] chapter 4, or [33] p. 896.  $\square$

**Corollary 11.** Let  $\hat{B} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \hat{A}\hat{D}$ . By a non (unitary) conjugation,  $\tilde{M}_{(2)} = \exp\left(-\frac{i}{\hbar} P_H^{(2)}\right)$  is transformed on a dense domain, into a Trace class operator:

$$\hat{R} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \hat{B} \tilde{M}_{(2)} \hat{B}^{-1} = \exp\left(-\hat{K}\right) \quad (60)$$

with eigenvalues

$$\exp(-\lambda_n), \quad \lambda_n \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \lambda \left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right), \quad n \in \mathbb{N}$$

**Remarks:**

- We would have obtain the same result with any choice of  $0 < \alpha < \pi/2$ .
- Because  $\hat{R}$  is defined on a dense domain, and is a bounded operator, it extends in a unique way to  $L^2(\mathbb{R}_{(2)})$ . The eigenvalues  $\exp(-\lambda_n)$  are called the “quantum resonances” of the unitary operator  $\tilde{M}_{(2)}$ . The meaning of the operator  $\hat{R}$  and its eigenvalues, appears in the study of the decay of time-correlation functions. If  $\varphi \in D_C = \text{dom}(\hat{B})$ , and  $\phi \in C_C = \text{dom}(\hat{B}^{-1})$  are suitable functions, then  $C_{\phi, \varphi}(t) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \langle \phi | \tilde{M}_{(2)}^t | \varphi \rangle$ ,  $t \in \mathbb{N}$ , can be expressed using  $\hat{R}$  as

$$C_{\phi, \varphi}(t) = \left( \langle \phi | \hat{B}^{-1} \right) \hat{R}^t \left( \hat{B} | \varphi \rangle \right)$$

Then, the spectrum of  $\hat{R}$  gives the explicit exponential decay of the time-correlation function  $C_{\phi, \varphi}(t)$ . The decay comes from the simple fact that there is an unstable fixed point at the origin, and therefore the wave function  $\varphi_t = \tilde{M}_{(2)}^t \varphi$  spreads along the unstable direction. This is very general in physics and mathematics [37].

#### 4.2.4 Resonances of the prequantum operator

The conjugation operator  $\hat{B} = \hat{A}\hat{D}$  has been defined on  $L^2(\mathbb{R}_{(2)})$  and can be extended to the prequantum space  $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}_N \equiv \mathcal{H}_{(1),N} \otimes L^2(\mathbb{R}_{(2)})$  by  $\tilde{B} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \hat{\text{Id}}_{(1)} \otimes \hat{B}$ . We use it to conjugate the prequantum map  $\tilde{M}_N = \tilde{M}_{(1),N} \otimes \tilde{M}_{(2)}$  and deduce from Eq.(57) and Eq.(60):

**Theorem 12.** *The conjugated operator*

$$\tilde{R} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \tilde{B}\tilde{M}_N\tilde{B}^{-1} = \tilde{M}_{N,(1)} \otimes \hat{R} \quad (61)$$

is a Trace class operator in the prequantum space  $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}_N \equiv \mathcal{H}_{(1),N} \otimes L^2(\mathbb{R}_{(2)})$ , with eigenvalues:

$$r_{n,k} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \exp(i\varphi_k - \lambda_n), \quad \lambda_n \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \lambda \left( n + \frac{1}{2} \right), \quad n \in \mathbb{N}, \quad \varphi_k \in [0, 2\pi], \quad k \in [1, N]$$

The eigenvalues  $r_{n,k}$  are called the **resonances of the prequantum map**. This gives Theorem 1 page 6, the main result of this paper.

### 4.3 Relation between prequantum time-correlation functions and quantum evolution of wave functions

Let  $\varphi, \phi \in \tilde{\mathcal{H}}_N$  be prequantum wave functions, who belong respectively to the domains of  $\tilde{B}$  and  $\tilde{B}^{-1}$ . Let us define  $\tilde{\phi} = \hat{\Pi}\tilde{B}^{-1}\phi$ ,  $\tilde{\varphi} = \hat{\Pi}\tilde{B}\varphi$ , where  $\hat{\Pi} = \hat{I}_1 \otimes |0_2\rangle\langle 0_2| : \tilde{\mathcal{H}}_N \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_{(1),N}$  is the orthogonal Toeplitz projector. Then  $\langle \phi | \tilde{M}_N^t | \varphi \rangle = \langle \phi | \tilde{M}_{(1),N}^t \otimes \tilde{M}_{(2)}^t | \varphi \rangle$ , but  $\tilde{M}_{(2)}^t = \tilde{B}^{-1}\tilde{R}^t\tilde{B}$  and  $\tilde{R}^t = \sum_{n_2 \in \mathbb{N}} |n_2\rangle\langle n_2| \exp(-\lambda(n_2 + \frac{1}{2})t)$ . We deduce that  $\langle \phi | \tilde{M}_N^t | \varphi \rangle = \langle \phi | \tilde{M}_{(1),N}^t \otimes \left( \tilde{B}^{-1}|0_2\rangle\langle 0_2|\tilde{B} \right) | \varphi \rangle e^{-\lambda t/2} (1 + \mathcal{O}(e^{-\lambda t}))$ , hence

$$\langle \phi | \tilde{M}_N^t | \varphi \rangle = \langle \tilde{\phi} | \tilde{M}_{(1),N}^t | \tilde{\varphi} \rangle e^{-\lambda t/2} (1 + \mathcal{O}(e^{-\lambda t}))$$

This gives Proposition 2 page 8. Let us remark that  $|0_2\rangle$  does not belong to the domains of  $\tilde{B}$  or  $\tilde{B}^{-1}$ , but  $\tilde{B}|0_2\rangle$  can be interpreted as a distribution, so  $\langle 0_2 | \tilde{B} | \varphi \rangle$  makes sense even if  $\varphi$  does not belong to the domain of  $\tilde{B}$ .

### 4.4 Proof of the trace formula

We prove here Proposition 3 page 9. We just follow the calculation of Eq.(4), but with a suitable regularization, and show that it gives  $\text{Tr}(\tilde{R}^t)$ . We follow a similar calculation which has been made in [15]. This proof does not use crucially the hypothesis that  $M$  is a linear map, so it could work for non linear prequantum hyperbolic map as well.

Let us introduce a cutoff operator in space  $L^2(\mathbb{R}_{(2)})$  defined in Eq. (23):

$$P_\nu \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \exp\left(-\nu \frac{1}{2} \left( \hat{P}_2^2 + \hat{Q}_2^2 \right)\right), \quad \nu > 0$$

This operator is diagonal in the basis  $|n_2\rangle$  of the Harmonic oscillator, and truncates high values of  $n_2$ . We choose here a metaplectic operator for future convenience. The operator  $P_\nu$  is Trace Class, and converges strongly towards identity for  $\nu \rightarrow 0$ . Consequently,  $\langle Q'_2|P_\nu|Q_2\rangle \rightarrow \delta(Q'_2 - Q_2)$  for  $\nu \rightarrow 0$  and uniformly with respect to  $Q_2 \in K \subset \mathbb{R}_{(2)}$  in a compact set. We extend this operator in  $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}_N = \mathcal{H}_{(1),N} \otimes L^2(\mathbb{R}_{(2)})$  by  $Id_{(1)} \otimes P_\nu$  and denote it again  $P_\nu$ . Using Eq.(38) it is possible to show that  $\langle x'|P_\nu|x\rangle \xrightarrow{\nu \rightarrow 0} \delta(x - x')$  uniformly with respect to  $x \in K \subset \mathbb{R}^2$  in a compact set.

**Lemma 5.** *For any  $t > 0$ ,  $\nu > 0$ ,  $(\tilde{M}_N^t P_\nu)$  is a Trace Class operator in  $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}_N$  and*

$$\text{Tr}(\tilde{M}_N^t P_\nu) \xrightarrow{\nu \rightarrow 0} \sum_{x \equiv M^t x [1]} \frac{1}{|\det(1 - M^t)|} e^{iA_{x,t}/\hbar}$$

where the sum is over points  $x \in [0, 1]^2$  such that  $M^t x = x + n$ , with  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^2$ , i.e. periodic points on  $\mathbb{T}^2$ .  $A_{x,t} = \frac{1}{2}n \wedge x$  is the “classical action” of the periodic point  $x$ .

*Proof.* First  $\tilde{M}_N^t P_\nu$  is Trace class because it is a product of a unitary and Trace class operator. Using Eq.(18) for the prequantum evolution and Dirac notations, we write

$$(\tilde{M}^t \psi)(x) = \langle x | \tilde{M}^t | \psi \rangle = \psi(M^{-t}x) e^{-iF_{M^{-t}x,t}/\hbar} = \psi(M^{-t}x)$$

because since  $M$  is linear, we have shown in Eq.(43) that the phase is  $F_{x,t} = 0$ . Then with  $|\psi_{x,\nu}\rangle \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} P_\nu|x\rangle$ , the operator  $\tilde{\mathcal{P}}$  defined in Eq.(56), and using  $\tilde{T}_n|x\rangle = e^{-i\frac{1}{2\hbar}n \wedge x}|x + n\rangle$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Tr}(\tilde{M}_N^t P_\nu) &= \int_{[0,1]^2} \langle x | \tilde{\mathcal{P}} \tilde{M}^t P_\nu | x \rangle dx = \int_{[0,1]^2} \langle x | \tilde{\mathcal{P}} \tilde{M}^t | \psi_{x,\nu} \rangle dx \\ &= \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}^2} \int_{[0,1]^2} e^{i\frac{1}{2\hbar}n \wedge x} \langle x + n | \tilde{M}^t | \psi_{x,\nu} \rangle dx \\ &= \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}^2} \int_{[0,1]^2} e^{i\frac{1}{2\hbar}n \wedge x} \psi_{x,\nu}(M^{-t}(x + n)) dx \end{aligned}$$

We have seen that  $\psi_{x,\nu}(x') = \langle x'|P_\nu|x\rangle \xrightarrow{\nu \rightarrow 0} \delta(x - x')$  uniformly with respect to  $x$  in a compact set, so

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Tr}(\tilde{M}_N^t P_\nu) &\xrightarrow{\nu \rightarrow 0} \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}^2} \int_{[0,1]^2} \delta(x - M^{-t}(x + n)) e^{i\frac{1}{2\hbar}n \wedge x} dx \\ &= \sum_{x \equiv M^t x [1]} \frac{1}{|\det(1 - M^t)|} e^{i\frac{1}{2\hbar}n \wedge x} \end{aligned}$$

We have used a change of variable  $x \rightarrow y = x - M^{-t}x - M^{-t}n$ , and where a periodic point  $x \in [0, 1]^2$  is specified by  $M^t x = x + n$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^2$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 6.**  $\text{Tr}(\tilde{M}^t P_\nu) \xrightarrow{\nu \rightarrow 0} \text{Tr}(\tilde{R}^t).$

*Proof.* We have  $\tilde{M}^t P_\nu = \tilde{B}^{-1} \tilde{R}^t \tilde{B} P_\nu$ , then  $\text{Tr}(\tilde{M}^t P_\nu) = \text{Tr}(\tilde{R}^t \tilde{B} P_\nu \tilde{B}^{-1})$ . This involves a product of metaplectic operators, and using a representation of  $SL(2, \mathbb{C})$ , we explicitly check that  $\tilde{R}^t \tilde{B} P_\nu \tilde{B}^{-1}$  converges towards  $\tilde{R}^t$  as  $\nu \rightarrow 0$ . (Notice that for non linear maps, this arguments would have failed, and the proof would have been longer).  $\square$

With Lemma 5 and Lemma 6 taken together, we conclude the proof of Proposition 3.

## 5 Conclusion

In this paper we have defined the prequantum map associated to a linear hyperbolic map on the torus  $\mathbb{T}^2$ , and shown that it has well defined resonances. These resonances form a discrete spectrum and can be explicitly expressed with the eigenvalues of the unitary quantum map. In Section 2, we have discussed the interpretation of this spectrum of resonances in terms of decay of time correlation functions, and compared them with the matrix elements of the quantum map after time  $t$ . We have also compared the trace formula for the quantum propagator and for the prequantum one (the sum over its resonances) after a large time.

We would like first to make a general remark on prequantum dynamics. Prequantization is well known since many years, and it is known to be a very beautiful theory from a geometrical point of view. Many works have study the geometrical aspects, and show how to define prequantization in very general cases, for example Hodge manifolds. From a mathematical perspective in dynamical systems, prequantization is directly defined from the Hamiltonian flow, so that it is natural to investigate its properties, for example, its spectrum. Nevertheless, it seems that very few work have already investigate its dynamical properties and its spectrum. This paper goes in this direction, and we would like to emphasize that prequantum spectrum is not only interesting by itself, but may rather be a useful approach for semi-classical analysis, especially for quantum hyperbolic dynamics, i.e. “quantum chaos”.

It is natural to ask if such results have been investigated for the geodesic flow on negative curvature manifold. In fact, in the case of cotangent phase spaces, the prequantum bundle is trivial, and the prequantum operator can be expressed as a classical transfer operator with a suitable weighted function. Such an operator is well studied and it is known that the spectrum of classical resonances for the geodesic flow on constant negative curvature is related to the spectrum of the Laplacian which plays the role of the quantum operator (the relation can be obtained using the Selberg zeta function [32], or by group theory approach in [28]).

Some interesting questions arrive naturally in the framework of prequantum chaos, similar to questions which exist in quantum chaos, namely concerning the “semi-classical limit”  $N = 1/(2\pi\hbar) \rightarrow \infty$ , where the curvature of the prequantum bundle goes to infinity. If properly defined, one could investigate the problem of “prequantum ergodicity” or “unique



prequantum ergodicity". For example, in [14], the existence of scarred quantum eigenfunctions has been obtained, i.e. non equidistributed eigen-functions over the torus in the limit  $N \rightarrow \infty$ . Because of the explicit relation between quantum eigenfunctions and prequantum resonances we have obtained, this could lead to "prequantum scarred distributions" (but this needs some correct definition). Let us remark that the Ehrenfest time  $t_E \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \frac{1}{\lambda} \log N$  is known to play an important role as a characteristic time scale in quantum chaos [12]. Its usual interpretation is the time after which a detail of the size of  $\hbar$ , i.e. the minimum size in phase space allowed by the quantum uncertainty principle, called the Planck cell, is exponentially amplified towards finite size:  $\hbar e^{\lambda t_E} \simeq 1$ . In prequantum dynamics, there is no more uncertainty principle because the dynamics evolves smooth sections over phase space. But the prequantum bundle has a curvature  $\Theta = \frac{i}{\hbar} \omega$ , and there is still the notion of Planck cell on the torus as the elementary surface over which the curvature integral is one. Therefore the Ehrenfest time may still play an important role for prequantum dynamics, at least in the semi-classical limit  $N \rightarrow \infty$ .

**Perspectives in the non linear case:** For a linear map  $M$ , we have shown that there is an exact correspondence between the spectrum of prequantum resonances and the quantum spectrum. In a future work we plan to study non linear prequantum hyperbolic map on the torus, and expect to obtain similar results<sup>17</sup> (with possibly introducing some weight function  $\varphi = \lambda/2$  in the transfer operator, where  $\lambda$  is the local expanding rate). We expect then that there still exists an exact prequantum trace formula for  $\text{Tr} \left( \tilde{R}_\varphi^t \right)$  in terms of periodic orbits, similar to Eq.(3). We hope to be able to compare the prequantum operator  $\tilde{R}_\varphi$  with the quantum operator  $\hat{M}$ , and possibly their spectra as we did in Eq.(2), at least in the limit  $N \rightarrow \infty$ , and then deduce validity of the semi-classical Gutzwiller trace formula and other semi-classical formula for long times. Some interesting questions would appear then, as: does the random matrix theory applies for the outlying prequantum spectra?

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